

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

<b>Title:</b>	Health Specialist (Health systems strengthening – partnerships, implementation science and emergency response)
<b>Level:</b>	NOC
<b>Assignment Type:</b>	Temporary Appointment (TA)
<b>Duration:</b>	364 days
<b>Duty Station:</b>	Abuja
<b>Reporting to:</b>	Chief of Health and HIV

## PURPOSE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT

Under the guidance of the Chief of Health and HIV, provide technical support to the survive and thrive agenda across the health portfolio with a focus on implementation and delivery science, partnerships including in the context of emergency under the overarching health systems strengthening program. The COVID 19 health emergency presents an unprecedented crisis and has resulted in a major response led by the health sector in the country. Given the nature of the emergency, the multi sectoral, multi layered service delivery, it is critical to work with diverse partnerships, build in the implementation and delivery science component and ensure linkages and synergy with development programming for sustainability.

## MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Specialist will carry out the following activities related to the child survival and well being program within the overarching health systems strengthening component of the health and HIV portfolio in Nigeria:

- (a) Work closely with the FMOH, NPHCDA, NCDC, NACA and partners at federal and State levels towards building a portfolio of implementation and delivery science learnings towards fast tracking results for women and children and informing policy and programming including the COVID 19 health emergency
- (b) Serve as the focal point for coordinating specific COVID 19 response at federal level and support States at subnational levels
- (c) Provide technical support towards improving health systems for quality delivery of PHC programs with a focus on leveraging learnings through delivery science and data incorporating outbreak preparedness and emergency response
- (d) Participate and provide technical expertise in related health systems strengthening forums and committees at federal level particularly implementation science and emergency health response forums
- (e) Build a body of evidence documenting and linking investments to results outlining innovative interventions for improving child survival and well being
- (f) Participate and provide technical expertise for assessing progress in MNCAH results at federal and sub national levels understanding partnerships and investments
- (g) Support conceptualization, development and implementation of implementation and delivery science leveraging networks of academia, professional bodies, civil society and other institutions

- (h) Participate and actively support the think tank for MNCAH and explore possibilities of sub national think tanks for accelerating results for women and children including ‘practitioner’ think tanks
- (i) Participate as a member of the health systems strengthening groups and committees with a focus on implementation science and partnerships
- (j) Ensure linkages within the health and HIV portfolio through the implementation and delivery science lens and focusing on the primary health care delivery platform using data effectively
- (k) Working closely with the health and HIV team provide high quality technical expertise bringing in upto date global evidence and work on implementation science towards informing policy and programming for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health.
- (l) Provide information to the health and HIV program through learnings from implementation and delivery science for informed decision making
- (m) Support development of policy and program briefs, documentation of the work done including linking with academia and professional organizations and partners
- (n) Support resource mobilization and working together with the team in bridging the learnings from delivery science to scale and sustainability
- (o) Other activities and support towards health systems strengthening activities as needed

## **COMPETENCIES AND LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY REQUIRED**

### **Core Values**

- Commitment
- Diversity and inclusion
- Integrity

### **Core competencies**

- Communication (II)
- Working with people (II)
- Drive for results (II)

### **Functional Competencies:**

- Leading and supervising (I)
- Formulating strategies and concepts (II)
- Analyzing (III)
- Relating and networking (II)
- Deciding and Initiating action (II)
- Applying technical expertise ((III)

## RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- A University Degree in medicine is required for this post. A public health degree will be an added advantage
- A minimum of 5 years of professional experience in public health programs with experience with research and data is needed. Experience with emergency programming including the COVID 19 response will be an added advantage.
- Relevant experience in health development and management in any UN system agency or organization is an asset.
- Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language or a local language is an asset

### Approvals

Health Section Chief

Name: Sanjana Bhardwaj

Signature: *Dr Sanjana Bhardwaj* Date 19 / 6 /2020

Deputy Representative

Name:

Signature:  Date <sup>20</sup> / <sup>6</sup> /2020