

United Nations Children's Fund

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

Title	Duty Station:
	Semarang, Central Java
Provincial Coordinator – Immunization	

Purpose of Activity/Assignment:

Indonesia's health system reaches most children in their birth cohort of 4.9 million children a year with vaccines and other health services. However, it was one of the countries globally which had encountered stagnated vaccination coverage in the past decades before the COVID-19 pandemic. The services interruption and reluctance among the parents and caregivers due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant number of eligible children being unvaccinated. This has further deteriorated by the high burden on the health systems to deliver COVID vaccine among the 208 million target population in a brief period. Many health workers reported a high workload with poor motivation due to various reasons. The pulse survey highlighted that health facilities reduced the frequency of vaccination sessions to cope with their high workload and other priorities. On the other hand, most health facilities and vaccine storage points at various supply chain levels experienced significant stock out of several routine vaccines. Many children could not receive vaccines due to the closure of schools. All these issues unveiled the reasons for the high number of zero-dose children in Indonesia.

According to the Ministry of Health's (MOH) requests through a letter # SR.02.06/9415/ 12020 dated 6 October 2020, UNICEF Indonesia has prepared a support plan for COVID-19 vaccine introduction outlining the following key areas as Strategy Development and Advocacy, Procurement and Supply-side Readiness, Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), Data & Monitoring, and Health Sector and Immunization Program strengthening. Meanwhile, UNICEF is committed to providing TA support to reach out to the children across the country, especially those in need in rural and urban areas, with optimal immunization services during this pandemic.

However, despite significant progress in the COVID-19 vaccination program, vaccination coverage among several target age groups remains low, inequity in vaccination coverage is apparent especially among the elderly group, issues are reported with the immunization supply chain and vaccine management. Knowing the challenges, the GoI has requested UNICEF to intensify the technical assistance to strengthen the routine immunization, support the introduction and scale-up of several new and underutilized vaccines, implement the COVID-19 vaccine program with optimal quality and conduct the measles and rubella (MR) vaccination campaign.

Scope of Work:

Provincial coordinator will facilitate subnational support at the provincial and district levels, include providing technical support to program strategy development (planning, budgeting, and implementation); decentralized advocacy and communication efforts as part of a wider RCCE agenda; and support respective local authorities to implement the vaccination plan with high quality and progress monitoring and feedback in selected province.

The GOI has requested UNICEF's support to COVID-19 vaccine introduction across several critical areas:

• **Strategy Development and Advocacy**: UNICEF is supporting strategy design through staff embedded within the National COVID-19 Recovery Task Force and sub-nationally through its network of seven regional offices.

¹ UNICEF and MOH.2021. Assessing Puskesmas capacity in delivering C-19 vaccination in Indonesia (unpublished)

² UNICEF and MOH. 2021. Quarterly survey to assess the continuity of immunization services during pandemic.

³ UNICEF and MOH, 2021. Effective Vaccine Management Assessment for the private hubs and provincial stores.



- Procurement and Supply-side Readiness: UNICEF Supply Division (Copenhagen) will procure vaccine through the
 COVAX Facility while responding to regulatory bottlenecks. UNICEF Indonesia will be supporting cold-chain readiness
 for potential vaccine candidates. UNICEF Indonesia will also support other needed components for readiness such
 as microplanning and capacity development of health workers, particularly in remote areas
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE). UNICEF is supporting a national communication strategy and tailored, subnational strategies alongside the design and dissemination of communications materials, digital vaccine deployment plans, media monitoring and outreach, and community engagement
- Data & Monitoring. UNICEF is working to facilitate effective monitoring of populations eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine
- Health Sector and Immunization Program: UNICEF provides technical assistance to guidance development, budgeting, and implementation support for COVID-19 vaccine and routine immunisation services in the context of wider health system support

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Supervisor: Armunanto, Health Specialist	Start date: September 2022	End date: 31 December 2022

Tas	sks/Milestone:	Deli	verables/Outputs:	Timeline	Estimate Budget
1. a.	Work plan and objectives are strategically established, technical support is effectively provided, and planned results are timely delivered through strong technical leadership. As technical experts representing UNICEF coordinate with MOH, WHO, PHOs and DHOs. Facilitate and organize different trainings/ orientation, workshop at sub-national level to upgrade the capacity of the local coordinator in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of BIAN vaccination campaign and routine immunization plan. Refine COVID-19 vaccination plan for elderly at subnational level, organize independent assessment in the provinces with lower coverage of elderly group; and Undertake field visits as necessary to monitor the implementation of vaccination plan and participate in periodic vaccine deployment plan reviews with government counterparts and other partners.	a) b)	Internal training/orientation, workshop implemented Monthly progress report on the refinement of elderly COVID-19 vaccination deployment plan, vaccination implementation and evaluation developed and shared with MOH, UNICEF internally Field visit report will be available and shared with UNICEF internally and MOH as necessary	Sep -31 Dec 2022	
2.	Provide course corrective actions including development of tools/ simple guidelines to ensure the quality of vaccine deployment plan	too	ort on corrective actions, ls/guidelines, readiness checklist, tocols for post vaccine	Sep -31 Dec 2022	



	preparations checklists are met, ensure/influence	deployment plan vaccination		
	MOH and PHO's approval of these tools,	program progress reports.		
	strategies including micro planning, protocol for			
	post vaccine deployment plan; including related			
	monitoring and coverage validation tools for and			
	apply in some districts and health centres through			
	intensive mentoring and coaching in coordination			
	with UNICEF and local partners.			
3.	Collaborates with other UNICEF sectors,	Weekly and monthly reports	Sep -31 Dec	
	particularly communication and data team, to		2022	
	ensure integration of the vaccine deployment			
	plan with other sectors. Provide appropriate			
	technical support on advocacy and socio			
	mobilization coordination activities, including data			
	analysis, as necessary.			
4.	Develop local action plans for strategic support to	Routine immunization support plans	Sep - 31 Dec	
	the routine immunization programs in target	and weekly and monthly progress	2022	
	provinces.	report		
5.	Support government at sub-national level in mass	Weekly and monthly reports	Sep -31 Dec	
	vaccination campaigns to prevent or respond to		2022	
	outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases (VPD).			
6.	Explore, build, and maintain partnerships through	Weekly and monthly reports	Sep -31 Dec	
	networking and proactive collaboration with civil		2022	
	society organizations, community groups, leaders,			
	other critical partners in the community and civil			
	society, including private sectors to reinforce			
	cooperation through engagement,			
	empowerment, and collaborative actions.			
7.	Final Report (in ppt and narrative) with	Final Report	15 December	
	recommendations and lessons learned.		2022	
	Summarize the best practice, strategies, and			
	methods from the vaccine deployment plan to			
	benefit a stronger routine immunization program			
	for post vaccine deployment plan and push those			
	practices, strategies adopted by national and			
	subnational official to strengthen the routine			
	immunization.			



Minimum Qualifications required:	Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:
Bachelor's Degree Master Degree PhD	Public Health Expert with immunization,
Other	advocacy/communications, and data/information
	management experience. High technical knowledge on
Enter Disciplines: Medical Doctor, Nurse, Midwife, and	immunization programs is preferred—good analytical,
Public Health Science	advocacy and conflict resolution skills.
	2. Familiarity with country, government structures and public
	health system especially immunization stock management.
	3. Able to work independently with minimal supervision
	4. Self-motivated and results oriented.
	5. Proven ability to deliver under tight deadlines.
	6. Good report writing, fluency in Bahasa Indonesia (is
	necessary), and English, with computer skills.
	7. Minimum 3 years' experience working in Immunization
	program.