

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

Title: Provincial Coordinator – Immunization	Duty Station: Medan
<p>Purpose of Activity/Assignment:</p> <p>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 a 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 short period. Many health workers reported a high workload with poor motivation due to various reasons.¹ 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.^{2,3} 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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, 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.</p>	
<p>Scope of Work:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The GOI has requested UNICEF's support to COVID-19 vaccine introduction across a number of critical areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Supervisor: Health Specialist	Start Date: August/September 2022	End Date: 31 December 2022	Number of Days (working): 4 months.
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*Work Assignment Overview (SMART)			
Tasks/Milestone:	Deliverables/Outputs:	Timeline	
1. 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. a. 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 the COVID-19 vaccination plan. b. Update the provincial and district Vaccine Introduction Readiness Assessment tools (VIRAT) and support the local team in prioritizing the high-risk communities. c. Refine COVID-19 vaccination plan at subnational level, organize independent assessment in the provinces with lower capacity; and d. 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) Internal training/orientation, workshop implemented b) Brief assessments of planning, trainings, corrective actions supported and recommended. c) Monthly progress report on the refinement of vaccination deployment plan, vaccination implementation and evaluation developed and shared with MOH, UNICEF internally d) Field visit report will be available and shared with UNICEF internally and MOH as necessary	August/September – 15 December 2022	

2. Provide course corrective actions including development of tools/ simple guidelines to ensure the quality of vaccine deployment plan preparations checklists are met, ensure/influence MOH and PHO's approval of these tools, 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.	Report on corrective actions, tools/guidelines, readiness checklist, protocols for post vaccine deployment plan vaccination program progress reports.	August/September - 15 December 2022	
3. Collaborates with other UNICEF sectors, particularly communication team, to ensure integration of the vaccine deployment plan with other sectors. Provide appropriate technical support on advocacy and socio mobilization coordination activities.	Monthly report	August/September - 15 December 2022	
4. Develop local action plans for strategic support to the routine immunization programs in target provinces.	Routine immunization support plans and monthly progress report	August/September - 15 December 2022	
5. Support government at sub-national level in mass vaccination campaigns to prevent or respond to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases (VPD).	Monthly report	August/September - 15 December 2022	
6. Explore, build, and maintain partnerships through networking and proactive collaboration with civil society organizations, community groups, leaders, and other critical partners in the community and civil society to reinforce cooperation through engagement, empowerment, and collaborative actions.	Monthly report	August/September - 15 December 2022	
7. Final Report (in ppt and narrative) with recommendations and lessons learned. 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 strengthening the routine immunization.	Final Report	15-31 December 2022	

<p>Minimum Qualifications required:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> Other </p> <p>Enter Disciplines: Medical Doctor, Nurse, Midwife, and Public Health</p>	<p>Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Health Expert, specific immunization, advocacy/communications and data/information management experience. High technical knowledge of immunization programs is preferred—good analytical, 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 a must), and English, with computer skills. 7. Minimum 3 years experiences working in Immunization program.
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