**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**INIDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

**UNICEF CHINA**

**Subject / Title: MCH** Project — Technical Support for “Training Hub for One Belt One Road Collaboration” Project.

**Expected start date**: 15 February 2019

**Duration:** 6 months (120 working days)

**Supervisor:** Huang Xiaona, MCH specialists

1. **Background**

UNICEF has had a long history of cooperating with the Government of China (GOC) and advancing children’s rights and meeting their health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene needs. China has made remarkable progress by attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with significant reductions in under 5 and infant mortality. The infant mortality rate has dropped to 8 per 1,000 live births- a decrease from 50 per 1,000 live births in 1991. Globally, this has been recognized as a major public health success.

Reducing avoidable maternal, and newborn deaths remains a cornerstone of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other initiatives like the Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) movement. Reducing maternal, neonatal and child deaths is also a key priority within UNICEF.

Over the past quarter of a century, despite global reductions in maternal and newborn mortality, progress has been slower across several African and south Asian countries, and significant challenges remain for women and children to access timely, high quality health care. This is despite proven solutions that can be implemented at scale. For example, while more than one million newborns are lost every year in South Asia, 75 percent of maternal and newborn deaths are preventable, with relatively simple and inexpensive interventions.

China’s success in rapidly reducing maternal and newborn mortality provides valuable lessons for countries across Asia and Africa. China’s own commitment to improving maternal and child health globally was made evident when President Xi Jinping announced China’s ‘Six 100s’ initiative. These high-level commitments open new opportunities for the survival and development of children in countries where maternal, newborn and child health remains a challenge.

1. **Purpose of the Position**

As part of its global mandate and an advocate for the rights of children everywhere, UNICEF CCO is seeking to support the Government of China, and the National Health Commission in particular, in its efforts to share its expertise as part of its commitment to south- south cooperation. China’s expertise would focus on maternal and child health, planning, supply, health care financing, information systems, and technology. At the same time, China is also acutely aware of its own ongoing challenges, especially with regard to regional disparities, unfinished challenges related to immunization, and improving the overall quality of care. The cooperation can also provide opportunities to learn from developments and innovations that continue to occur in countries across the Belt and road initiative and help China’s poorest and most disadvantaged communities.

This position will support of the Chinese Government’s agenda on global health collaboration, through the establishment of a “Training Hub for One Belt One Road Collaboration.” The project ‘s goal is the development of a long term south-south exchange mechanism among Belt and Road countries, and forge the establishment of a flagship technical exchange platform, which will bring best practices and technology across South-South health cooperation.

At the same time, this project will also help China learn about successful global approaches in other countries – thereby effectively connecting the demands of recipient countries with China’s comparative advantage in MNCH; providing focus to China’s emerging aid programmes; improving the effectiveness and quality of Chinese aid programmes on MCH, ultimately helping accelerate reductions in maternal, new born and under-five child mortality.

1. **Specific Tasks**

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the MCH specialist, the consultant will provide technical support in designing, planning, implementing and monitoring the newly designed Training Hub project. The consultant will work in close collaboration with other Health, Nutrition and WASH as well as South-South Cooperation team members in UNICEF China.

Main areas of responsibilities include:

1. Conduct a landscape analysis of current south-south cooperation training programs in China, including training institutes, training content and approach as well as M&E that are relevant to UNICEF MNCH agenda to inform training hub design;
2. Assist in national counterpart (IHECC) in determining priority areas, as well as training methods that are demanded by BRI countries;
3. Assist in national counterpart (IHECC) to map national, regional and global centers of excellence as well as capacity gaps in these technical institutes to deliver the priority trainings that have been identified through engagement with BRI countries;
4. Collate and review best practices from China that are that are relevant for South-South cooperation and suitable for knowledge sharing, training and promoting related to maternal, newborn and child health best practices;
5. Provide technical and administrative support throughout all stages of programming by executing/administering a variety of technical program transactions, preparing materials/documents and complying with organizational processes and management systems, to support program implementation, operations and delivery of results;
6. Assist to monitor and assess programme results together with the Chinese Government's implementing agencies and entities; Report on critical issues, bottlenecks and potential problems for timely action to achieve results;
7. **Deliverables & Timeframe**

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|  | Topic | Deliverable | Duration (days) / time-frame |
| 1 | Conduct a landscape analysis of current south-south cooperation training programs in China, including training institutes, training content and approach as well as M&E that are relevant to UNICEF MNCH agenda  | Analysis report available to inform training hub design | 20 working days Dec 2018– Jan 2019 |
| 2 | Assist national counterpart (IHECC) in determining priority areas, as well as training methods that are demanded by BRI countries; and collate and review best practices from China | Identified the priority areas, and training methods that are demanded by BRI countries;Best practices identified responding to the demand by BRI counties to support the training curriculum framework development  | 30 working days Dec 2018-Feb 2019 |
| 3 | Assist in national counterpart (IHECC) to map national, regional and global centers of excellence as well as capacity gaps in these technical institutes to deliver the priority trainings that have been identified through engagement with BRI countries | Mapping report available The criteria, standards, capacity building plan as well as performance evaluation tools developed for the centers of excellence National and international institutes identified for training hub establishment as well as scale up existing capacity of institutes  | 20 working days Jan – Apr 2019 |
| 4 | Provide technical and administrative support throughout all stages of programming processes by executing/administering a variety of technical program transactions, preparing materials/documentations and complying with organizational processes and management systems, to support program implementation, operations and delivery of results; | Training hub design and implementing plans availableThe training curriculum framework available to guide the developmentA workshop led by IHECC in the development of South South knowledge sharing and training organized  | 35 working days Dec 2018 – Jun 2019 |
| 5 | Assist to monitor and assess programme results together with the Chinese Government's implementing agencies and entities; Report on critical issues, bottlenecks and potential problems for timely action to achieve results;  | Project Monitoring and Performance Evaluation Manual available M&E report delivered timely | 15 working days Dec 2018 – Jun 2019 |

The consultant needs to conduct field trips as appropriate. He/she will also be asked to develop a more detailed workplan based on the main tasks and deliverables.

1. **Payment Schedule**

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| **Deliverables** | **Timeframe** | **Payment amount by** |
| Deliverables a | End of Jan 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables b | Mid of Feb 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables c  | End of Feb 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables d | Mid of Mar 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables e | End of Mar 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables f | Mid of Apr 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables g | End of Mar 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables h | Mid of May 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables i | End of May 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables j | Mid of Jun 2019 | Actual working days |
| Deliverables k | Report once every two months | Actual working days |

1. **Methodology**

The consultant will be based in UNICEF China office in Beijing with some travel to selected sites to work on the tasks presented above.

Major outputs include:

* Established project consulting and coordination committees
* Finalized training hub design and implementing plans
* Finalized the training curriculum framework
* Developed and used the training hub criteria, standards, monitoring and performance evaluation tools for hub establishment
* Developed project Monitoring and Performance Evaluation Manual and implemented M&E

**5. Timeframe**

The consultancy will begin on 15 Dec 2018 and end on 14 Jun 2019.

**6. Supervision / support**

During the whole consultancy process, the supervisor with responsibility for this project will work with the consultant on daily basis, with other health, nutrition, WASH and south-south cooperation officers supports, and Chief of Health, Nutrition and WASH providing any technical guidance required. The supervisor will introduce the different stakeholders internally and externally to guide the consultant to conduct work and achieve the deliverables. MCH team members will assist the consultant in planning and delivering. The supervisor will review the quality of the technical support and deliverables to ensure adherence to UNICEF standards and expectations and process for payment.

**7. Consultancy Requirements**

* A Master Degree in global/international health, public health/nutrition, pediatrics, health policy and/or management, or other health related sciences is required.
* Minimum of 10 years of professional experience in public health planning and management and/or in relevant areas of maternal and neonatal health care, health emergency/humanitarian preparedness, at the international level, UN system or in a developing country is required.
* Background and experience with the management of global health programs overseas or in an academic setting, capacity building including training, staff exchange and curriculum development
* Demonstrated experience and understanding of the China’s global health cooperation and knowledge exchange mechanisms. Experience in foreign aid projects or field experience in Africa and/or Asia highly desired
* Strong communication skills, fluently and confidently gathering and expressing and writing opinions and information
* Strong Interpersonal skills
* Fluency in English and Mandarin, both written and spoken