

Vacancy Notice

Consultancy Assignment: Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Emergencies.

Expected duration: One year, from 1 November 2017 until 1 November 2018.

Place of assignment : Geneva, Switzerland. The Consultant may be required to travel.

The World Health Organization's Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) includes the UNDP-UNFPA-UNICEF-WHO-World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP). HRP is the main instrument within the United Nations system for identifying research priorities on sexual and reproductive health and rights; for promoting, conducting, evaluating and coordinating related interdisciplinary research; for collaborating with countries to build national capacity to conduct research; and for promoting the use of research results in policy making and sexual and reproductive health programmes. The Department leads WHO's work on gender-based violence, in collaboration with different WHO Departments. The Department draws on research and global expertise to set norms and standards and develop global guidelines on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including on gender-based violence. More information about HRP can be found at <http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/hrp>

WHO's Health Emergency programme works on building country capacity for emergency preparedness, implementation of International Health Regulations, and responding to humanitarian and health emergencies around the world. The programme works in close collaboration with technical departments within WHO and partners to ensure the most up-to-date, effective, and relevant health standards are applied to ensure appropriate response to different types of emergencies. Within this frame, the programme is committed to ensure gender-based violence (GBV) issues are appropriately addressed and responded to in the emergency context. The Global Health Cluster is also hosted within this programme, further facilitating the interaction with partners through the cluster mechanism to implement relevant health strategies in emergencies.

Organizational Background

The consultancy is based within the RHR Department but the work will be carried out in close collaboration with the Emergency Response Department (WHE). Within this setting, and under the broad guidance of the responsible officer, the incumbent works closely with the two departments, the Global Health cluster coordination team, WHO Regional Office staff, country office staff and GBV in emergencies focal points based in EMRO and AFRO to provide technical advice and support and work on specific activities on gender-based in humanitarian settings. The incumbent oversees the overall activities to integrate gender-based violence prevention and response in the health cluster globally and in countries. The incumbent collaborates extensively with external stakeholders including international agencies, particularly UNHCR and UNFPA.

Summary of duties:

1. Support the integration of knowledge on prevention of and responses to GBV in emergencies in existing health in emergency initiatives and newly developed emergency guidelines, such as the WHO Handbook on Public Health in Emergencies that is currently under development and the second edition of the Health Cluster Guide also currently under development.
2. Build capacity on GBV of WHO health officers and partners in emergencies through active dissemination of existing interagency and WHO guidelines and other online learning tools and through organizing and delivering trainings at national and regional level.
3. Coordinate and ensure the updating of relevant guidelines and training materials on GBV and health in emergencies.
4. Liaise with and represent WHO in relevant interagency processes and initiatives including the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR), Call to Action, and UN Action against sexual violence in conflict (UNA).

5. Provide technical support to regional offices and countries on GBV in emergencies.
6. Produce quarterly reports on activities and other activities.

WHO Competencies

1. Producing results
2. Communicating in a credible and effective way
3. Fostering integration and teamwork
4. Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond
5. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences OR Knowing and managing yourself.

Essential knowledge and skills

- Extensive knowledge of violence against women/gender-based violence in emergencies, with proven knowledge of health aspects of gender-based violence and a good understanding of the humanitarian organizational structure.
- Demonstrated capacity to work in challenging circumstances, and build partnerships involving technical and political elements.
- Demonstrated capacity in project management.
- Demonstrated ability to work in multicultural settings and excellent inter-personal skills.

Essential educational qualifications

Advanced University Degree in one of the following fields: public health, women's or gender and development studies, social sciences; or first health science degree with advanced degree (at least at master level) in a related field.

Desirable educational qualifications

Training in epidemiology or social sciences.

Essential relevant experience

- At least 7 years' work experience in public health and violence against women/gender-based violence with at least five years of field experience, ideally in a range of settings, and at least 3 in emergencies/humanitarian response.
- Training skills and experience with training on GBV.

Desirable experience

Experience in UN organizations or agencies, or non-governmental organizations providing technical assistance and support to humanitarian settings desirable.

Language Skills

Essential: Expert knowledge of English.

Desirable: Knowledge of another UN language, in particular French or Arabic.

Other Skills

Skills required to use e-mail, PowerPoint, Excel, and word processing software independently and efficiently.

Other Requirements

The selected Consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work and a copy of all education certificates mentioned in CV.

How to apply

Individuals interested in submitting their application are invited to send their cover letter and a WHO Stellis CV (please sign in and complete your profile under WHO's HR platform: <https://tl-int.vcdp.who.int/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl>.) to gagicl@who.int, indicating "**WHO/HQ Gender Based Violence in Emergencies Consultancy**" in the subject line. Closing date for applications is 20 October 2017.