

Start date	18 th August 2014
End date	17 th August 2015
Title	Consultant to support the work of the Laboratories, Diagnostics and Drug Resistance unit of the Global TB Programme, WHO, Geneva
Background	<p>The Laboratories Diagnostics and Drug Resistance unit of the Global TB Programme (GTB/LDR), WHO, Geneva includes a team dedicated to supporting the provision of expanded and accelerated technical assistance to countries for the scale-up of MDR-TB care and services. This is done in coordination with all levels of WHO, partners and the regional Green Light Committee (rGLC) network. The team is involved in capacity building activities at the global and regional level to support the scale-up of MDR-TB care and services. In addition, this team manages and leads the secretariat of the Global Drug-resistant Initiative (GDI).</p> <p>Significant scale-up of diagnostic capacity has become the major driver of increases in the number of MDR-TB cases reported to WHO. However it is increasingly observed from the data reported to WHO, that the diagnostic scale-up is outpacing treatment capacity, MDR-TB treatment outcomes remain poor in many countries, and XDR-TB is largely neglected.</p> <p>A consultant is sought to co-ordinate the USG supported activities to scale up MDR-TB management in key focus countries to ensure the optimal use of the scarce available resources, streamline activities, and to move progress forwards to the goal of achieving universal access to DR-TB diagnostic and treatment services by 2015.</p>
Tasks	<p>Under the broad guidance of the Coordinator LDR, with first line supervision from the Medical Officer leading the team for PMDT Scale-up & Capacity Development, and in collaboration with other staff in LDR, the incumbent will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate, with USAID and WHO Regional Offices, the USG supported activities to scale up MDR-TB management of Global Fund grantees with MDR-TB components. 2. Coordinate, with GDI, GLI and rGLC secretariats, preparation of six monthly plans for technical assistance and monitoring for laboratory and MDR-TB services expansion for countries in the respective regions. 3. Coordinate, with GDI, GLI and rGLC secretariats, and GDF, for the collection and collation of quarterly and annual reports of progress in laboratory expansion and MDR-TB services, including GDF managed procurement of SLD to focus countries, and financial expenditures for donor reports, including analysis of trends and correlation with the MDR-TB case finding in selected focus countries, and submission of the reports to USAID. 4. Organisation of the regular (monthly) conference calls of the ad-hoc task group to share and discuss the current status, and dissemination of the quarterly and annual progress reports to the task group. 5. Coordinate closely with the new diagnostics implementation projects such as EXPAND-TB and TBXpert in order to complement the progress reports generated with MDR-TB case finding data from said projects.

Expected deliverables	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Six monthly plans for technical assistance and monitoring for laboratory and MDR-TB services expansion for countries in the respective regions. 2. Updated "live" database of detection, enrolment on treatment and treatment outcomes of MDR-TB cases in key focus countries. 3. Quarterly and annual reports of progress in laboratory expansion and MDR-TB services.
Profile sought	<p>Essential qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An advanced degree (at least Masters level) health sciences or equivalent • At least five years' experience working in TB control • Documented experience in project management; • Documented experience in writing of technical reports, funding proposals, and experience in multi-agency collaborative projects • Excellent inter-personal skills with ability to cooperate, guide, advise, and negotiate with technical and funding agencies, and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with international and national staff at all levels. • Proactive inclination to problem-solving and ability to work under pressure. • Excellent computer literacy, including data base management and web design. Excellent communication and presentation skills. • English expert level required, working level of another UN language desirable. <p>Desirable qualifications and experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree or training in public health or infectious diseases, preferably tuberculosis. • Experience in WHO or a sound understanding of its mandate and goals in the field of communicable diseases, or similar experience in another international organization/institution. <p>Other essential requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing to be based at WHO-HQ (Geneva) for twelve months • Available to start the consultancy on 18th August 2014
How to apply?	<p>Interested applicants should send a motivation letter explaining why they would like to undertake the consultancy, how their qualifications and experience match the profile sought, and an up-to-date CV to Dr Fraser Wares (waresf@who.int) with cc to Ms Lynne Harrop (harropl@who.int) by 30th June 2014. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a telephone interview (to be scheduled before the 11th July). The successful candidate will be informed by email by 18th July.</p>