

Consultancy Opportunity – Baseline Evaluation Integrated Maternal Health Programme – Zomba Malawi Terms of Reference

Purpose of consultancy

To lead a baseline evaluation (against agreed indicators) for an integrated maternal health services project in Zomba district of Malawi as part of a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

Background

Maternity Worldwide (www.maternityworldwide.org) is an international non-governmental organisation which exists to help reduce the number of women dying or injured in childbirth.

Our vision is of a world in which all women and their babies are able to access safe and appropriate childbirth regardless of where they live.

We are the UK's leading charity dedicated to saving lives in childbirth overseas.

Maternity Worldwide has secured funding from the Big Lottery Fund to implement an integrated maternal health project in the Zomba district of Malawi.

The purpose of this project is to increase access to high quality maternal health services in the Zomba district of Malawi and thereby reduce the unacceptably high levels of maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity.

This project is introducing an integrated package of demand and supply side interventions in two traditional authorities (TAs) (Mwambo and Chikowi) in Zomba District. Mwambo and Chikowi include a total population of 180,000, although the project's demand-side activities will target 80 of the poorest villages within these two TAs (approximately 40,000 population).

Maternity Worldwide uses an integrated approach following the 'Three Delays Model'. This includes community health promotion, income generation activities and women's groups, strengthening referral mechanisms and developing Basic and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care centres. Our work in Malawi partnership with the Catholic Health Commission (CHC) and the Zomba District Health Office. The successful applicant will be provided with the project's detailed business plan and the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

A thorough needs assessment process was undertaken between 2011 and 2013 This included focus group discussions in the catchment areas of the selected health facilities, with men and women and village elders; in-depth interviews with women who had recently given birth and discussions with other key stakeholders.

In addition to this existing data in line with our Monitoring and Evaluation framework, we wish to carry out a baseline evaluation to include the following:

Activities, outputs and timeframe

Data collection method	Participants/respondents/facilities	Purpose
Facility assessment	Pirimiti Hospital, Matiya Health Centre and Magomero Health Centre	Enable identification of inputs required to meet the CEmOC and BEmOC criteria.
Knowledge, attitudes and Practice (KAP) Survey	In the 80 villages and the catchment areas of Pirimiti Hospital, Matiya Health Centre and Magomero Health Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women of Reproductive Age • Women who gave birth in the last year • Men aged 15-49 years 	Establish baseline data around community knowledge attitudes and behaviours around maternal and newborn health. Provide baseline against which to monitor progress.
Community score cards	In the catchment areas of Pirimiti Hospital, Matiya Health centre and Magomero Health Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders in the community • Pregnant women and women who have recently given birth • Male partners of pregnant women and those who have recently given birth 	Establish system of obtaining user and community feedback on services

Requirements

- One UK based evaluator will work with a local Malawian evaluator and project staff (including M and E Coordinator, Project Manager and Country Director) travelling to Malawi for part of this work
- Previous experience of evaluation of a multi-faceted health programme in developing countries is essential

Outputs:

- Supporting local staff to set up data collection systems
- Baseline data written report

Schedule

- April/May 2015 for preliminary work and site visit in Malawi
- Report to be available one month following site visits in Malawi

Management and communication

The consultant will work with the Country Director of Maternity Worldwide in Malawi, and a local M&E partner (to be identified by Maternity Worldwide) and should also liaise with the Grants Funding and Programme Support Manager in the UK. The work will require travel to Malawi, and the consultant may be required to visit the Maternity Worldwide office in Brighton at least once.

The consultant should build in time to their work to provide a proposed plan, which then can be consulted on by the Maternity Worldwide Malawi Programme and Research Board Sub-Group and be amended if necessary.

Application and quotes

Interested consultants are requested to provide a fully inclusive quote (day rates exclusive of travel and accommodation which will be organised by Maternity Worldwide), CV, names of two referees and a covering note outlining previous relevant experience by email to Kirsty Erridge at vacancies@maternityworldwide.org

Quotes should be sent by 18.00hrs on Tuesday 7th April, 2015.

Further information

If you require further information please call 01273 234033 or email vacancies@maternityworldwide.org