



Consultancy Contract - Terms of Reference

Development of Concept Paper for Social Science Intervention for Health Emergencies

Summary:

Title	Development of Concept Paper for Social Science Intervention for Health Emergencies
Language required	English
Duration of contract	Two months
Duty station	Geneva
Annual work plan reference Department, Unit, Team	Infectious Hazard Management, Intervention and Guidance, Social Science Intervention.

Background and rationale:

The spread of infectious diseases poses a new level of challenge for the 21st Century, particularly with rapid movement of people, goods and services across the global community. Recent response to disease outbreaks and health emergencies have yet again demonstrated that dissemination of information alone is not enough to stop the spread of an epidemic and that it is critical to engage and involve communities that are affected or at-risk of facing the danger.

With the drive for people and community centered response for health emergencies and outbreaks of infectious diseases, social science is recognized as a key intervention for emergency response. Social science is a major and wide discipline ranging from communication science to anthropology and sociology.

It is therefore critical to identify key social science intervention that are critical and applicable for public health emergency responses needed throughout the four phases of the emergency response cycle – prevention, preparedness, response and recovery phases.

Expected deliverables:

The incumbent is expected develop a concept paper for an international expert discussion on Social Science Intervention for Health Emergencies.

This work includes:

- Reviews of relevant literature
- Interviews with relevant WHO staff and external partners
- Outline lessons learnt from health emergencies, including outbreaks of epidemics
- Identify key considerations for social science intervention for health emergencies, including outbreaks of epidemics
- Identify research gaps

Required qualifications and experiences:

The incumbent should have professional expertise in writing discussion papers or documentation. Knowledge and experience in working on social sciences, public health and health emergencies is desired. Previous work experience with WHO or other UN agencies is considered an advantage.

Languages: Proficiency in written and spoken English is required. Intermediate knowledge of written and spoken French is desirable.

Duty station:

Geneva, Switzerland.

Timeframe:

The contract would be for a period of two months from February-March 2017

Contacts:

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