Terms of Reference for Short Term Consulting Expertise for Subject Matter Expert on Health

Background

Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation (NFTI) is a non-profit organization inspired by the potential to use of technology to contribute to the evolution of policy tracking, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) across the social sectors of Health, Education and Agriculture in Nigeria and across the West African sub-region for social good.

The foundation aims to provide innovators across the public sector and the social development space with platforms for experimenting and using the power of technology to confront real-world challenges and policy issues by providing exciting ways to generate data for decision making

As part of the activities for implementing a data lab project especially for the Kaduna Bureau of Statistics which is geared towards identifying performance "pain points" within an input to outcome continuum in the Health sector that provides a results framework for tracking key performance indicators (KPIs), NFTI is seeking the services of an experienced subject matter expert (SME) in public health policy and administration to support it in driving performance tracking and data alignments between the KDBS and stakeholders within the Health system in Kaduna.

The SME expert on Health will work under the direct supervision of the Director, working with the Programme Coordinator and M&E officer to support the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Stakeholder Advocacy in identifying performance pain points and designing a results framework for mapping health data requirements to support public policy and decision making. The SME expert is expected to perform this advisory role as part of the TWGs over a period of 3 months which is subject to extension

Location: Kaduna State

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Participate in the TWG on Stakeholder Advocacy engagement processes by identifying critical data requirements within the health system to achieve performance requirements of stakeholders.
- Provide expert opinion and guidance on identifying and aligning the right kind of data mix to performance results framework that align to the SDGs and SDP.
- Identify multiple data source and provide advisory support on implementing an effective public health systems.

- Implement a capacity development plan on health data management and reporting and train the TWG & other identified stakeholders on health data management and reporting including schedule of implementation.
- Support NFTI to strengthen the data process within the data lab project to effectively improve the use of multiple data sources for decision making
- Develop an effective performance results framework and performance monitoring plan identifying input to outcome continuum as mapped by critical stakeholders within the data reporting value chain which cuts across stakeholders in both health and fiscal sectors emphasizing on results and impacts.
- Work with TWGs to agree on reporting tools, timelines/frequency of data collection and minimum data elements that can be collected and agreed by stakeholders
- Submit bi monthly progress reports to the PC, clearly indicating achievements, lessons learnt and challenges
- Submit weekly timesheets that will justify hours worked

Scope

- The SME on Health will work within the Health sector, providing expertise advice and direction on public health policy as it relates to data management and reporting
- Engage with both primary and secondary stakeholders to collate and analyze health data gaps and data needs of the state
- Assess and harmonize the various data processes within the health sector to a more effective and efficient method
- Evaluate the data policies and plans in the state, with focus on the achievements, challenges and their impact
- Identify health sector priorities, targets and KPIs to measure across the SDP and SDGs
- Work closely with the TWG, NFTI team and other stakeholders to achieve results
- Improve the quality, use and demand for administrative/routine health data

Expected Outcome

- Streamline data collection processes in the state that is agreeable to Stakeholders within the health space and meets the minimum standards of concept of definition, representation and quality of the KDBS data requirement process
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- Strengthen the use of routine data and increase the demand of data from multiple sources for decision making

Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree in Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medical Science and a Master's degree in Public Health, Health Policy, Health Economics, Development Studies, Health informatics, or any other related field
- Minimum of 10 years' progressive experience in health policy formulation, health economics and health administration
- Working knowledge of health informatics and health data processes in Nigeria
- A good understanding of the health indices in Northern Nigeria especially Kaduna
- Demonstrated ability to work with government staff at multiple levels, including the state, local and community levels.
- Knowledge and experience working with both public and private health sectors
- Have working knowledge and understanding of health sector in Kaduna

Duration

Initially 3 Months, subject to review of additional one year