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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Subject of Procurement: Consultant(s) to Develop the 2nd National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP II) 2021/22 – 2025/26

1. Introduction

The Government of Tanzania is in the process of developing the **2nd National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP II) for the period 2021/22 – 2025/26**. This action plan is to replace the **National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) of 2016/17-2020/21**. The goal of the action plan is to offer directions at the National level on how to address malnutrition in the country while engaging all sectors.

The NMNAP has served as a guide to all stakeholders implementing nutrition activities at various levels in the country. In 2019, the Government conducted a Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the NMNAP in order to review progress towards expected results after the first phase of implementation and propose relevant measures to accelerate achievement of NMNAP desired results. The MTR revealed significant progress was made towards achieving the set targets and highlighted crucial areas that the country needed to continue addressing in order to alleviate all forms of malnutrition throughout the lifecycle. The new plan is expected to address shortfalls in the existing plan, identify and propose high-impact low-cost interventions, engage all sectors while harnessing the benefits of existing frameworks to ensure sustainability.

2. NMNAP 2021/22 – 2025/26: KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1. Different forms of malnutrition should not be viewed entirely in isolation from each other.

Rather, the various forms of malnutrition are intertwined throughout the **life cycle**¹. Thus, the plan should accommodate **interventions for all age groups and those with special health and nutrition needs** based on **three key outcome areas** which aim at addressing **(1) under-nutrition, (2) micronutrient deficiencies, and (3) over-nutrition**.

2.2. To expedite realization of the positive impact in nutrition, it is expected NMNAP II will embrace **a system approach** to build on existing frameworks. The systems approach avoids the thinking that malnutrition has determinants that operate along linear pathways. Instead, it puts the focus on multiple, interconnected determinants, and recognizes shared responsibility, and the need to mobilize attention and resources from a wider variety of

¹ Pregnancy/utero, Early childhood (0 – 2 years, 3 – 5 years), Middle childhood (5 - 9 years), Adolescents (10 - 19 years), Adults (men and women), Elderly (above 60 years)



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societal and governmental institutions. Thus, the NMNAP II should be able to recommend key nutrition specific and sensitive interventions from various systems, including health, social protection, education, food, water, community development, finance, industry and trade.

2.3. The plan should also recommend ways to **strengthen the enabling environment for nutrition** by aligning with national, regional and international targets and commitments regarding nutrition. The targets include those stipulated in key documents such as the 3rd Five Year National Development Plan (FYDP III), Food and Nutrition policy, Health policy, Health Sector Strategic Plan, The Agricultural Sector Development Programme II (ASDP II), Ruling Party Manifesto and other sectoral plans. As well as to ensure that the plan is aligned to nutrition targets in the African Nutrition Strategy, Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC) Nutrition Strategy, World Health Assembly nutrition targets (WHA), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063.

3. Approach

3.1. The 2nd NMNAP will to be prepared in a participatory approach, whereby different nutrition stakeholders from different sectors will be involved at various stages of the development. The **High-Level Steering Committee for Nutrition (HLSCN)** will assume responsibility of overseeing the development process through the **NMNAP II Development Coordination Committee and NMNAP II Technical Committee**. The entire process of preparation of the NMNAP II is divided into three phases; (1) Preparatory Phase, (2) Development Phase and 3) drafting of the plan, validation, endorsement and launching.

4. Scope of work

4.1. The scope of work of the Consultant(s) will be to develop the 2nd NMNAP.

4.2. In doing so, **The Consultant(s)** will meet regularly with the **NMNAP II TC** to explore best practices and learning's drawn from global and national experiences necessary to inform and guide the development process.

4.3. **The Consultant(s)** will provide progress updates on monthly basis to the **NMNAP II Development Coordination Committee** regarding the development process basing on the agreed timelines.



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- 4.4. **The Consultant(s)** will be responsible for recruitment and remuneration of any supporting personnel in the team who will be involved during the development process.
- 4.5. The Government through **NMNAP II Development Coordination Committee** will be responsible for recruitment and remuneration of any technical personnel who may be required to assist in terms of technical consultation with the **Consultant(s)** during the development process.
- 4.6. **The High-level Steering Committee on Nutrition** chaired by the Permanent Secretary in Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Government Coordination and Investment) will oversee the entire development process and will be responsible for endorsing the process and validating and approving the developed plan.

5. Methodology

The Consultant(s) may use various methodologies to ensure adequate coverage of the scope of work and meet the responsibilities defined in this TOR and agreed workplan. Some of the expected methods (not exhaustive) may include desk reviews and consultative meetings with NMNAP TWGs, experts and policy makers.

6. Expected Deliverables

The Consultant(s) is expected to deliver the following: -

- i. Comprehensive costed NMNAP II document.
- ii. Detailed action plan of key interventions for each stage of the lifecycle
- iii. Detailed action plan for strengthening the enabling environment.
- iv. Result Framework (CRRAF)

7. Management and Location of the Consultant(s)

- 7.1. The Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) will recruit the consultant(s) on behalf of the High-Level Steering Committee on Nutrition (HLSCN) through a competitive process.
- 7.2. **The Consultant(s)** may operate while residing anywhere within the United Republic of Tanzania, but at all times during the contract will be obligated to report to the Chair/Co-Chair of the NMNAP II Development Coordination Committee. However, with the consent or directives of the **NMNAP II Development Coordination Committee** the **Consultant(s)** may be required to travel within the country as part of undertakings during the development process. Arrangements will be made to facilitate the travel.



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8. Workplan

The consultant(s) is/are expected to develop a detailed and realistic workplan with clear timelines and milestones and follow the workplan accordingly.

9. Timeline

9.1. The entire process of development and endorsement of the 2nd NMNAP will be from March 2021 to July 2021, which is a total of five months. However, the Consultant(s) is expected to complete the task of developing 2nd NMNAP in **four (4) months which equals to 112 days (28 working days per month)** within this timeframe.

10. Qualifications of required consultant(s)

- 10.1. **Experience of working in a consortium of technical people from multiple sectors, disciplines, and expertise in a high-pressure environment.**
- 10.2. At least 5 years' experience of working in Nutrition and related projects or programmes in Tanzania.
- 10.3. Thorough understanding of the implementation life cycle components including *ability to identify problems, gather requirements, conduct analysis and provide accurate solutions.*
- 10.4. Experience in designing, developing and testing policy level documents (within or outside the region²) will be an added advantage.
- 10.5. Excellent communication and writing skills, including the ability to translate technical information clearly and concisely.
- 10.6. Good command of both written and spoken English and Swahili.
- 10.7. Ability to work in teams within a multi-cultural environment.
- 10.8. Willingness to adhere and uphold Laws and regulation of Tanzania throughout the entire activity.
- 10.9. Flexibility to travel on short notice.
- 10.10. Postgraduate degree preferably PhD in Nutrition, Social Sciences, Health or a related field.

11. Evaluation and Selection criteria

11.1.	Submitted assignments	5%
11.2.	Submitted assignments relevant for this work	30%
11.3.	General academic qualifications (Masters or PhD)	15%
11.4.	Technical report	30%
11.5.	Financial report	20%

²Countries within EAC, SADC, IGAD or ECOWAS



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12. Instructions to Consultants

- 12.1. All financial transactions as regards to remuneration or facilitations to the **Consultant(s)** will be subjected to Tanzanian laws and regulations³, and will be done through specific bank accounts as prescribed by the **Consultant(s)**.
- 12.2. All proposals are to be submitted in TZS currency.
- 12.3. Technical and financial proposals must be submitted in separate envelopes (Files).
- 12.4. Consultants are encouraged to submit one (1) original copy of their proposals (for both technical and financial proposal)
- 12.5. Tendering will be conducted through a selective tendering process, i.e. selected consultants will be invited to compete for this assignment.
- 12.6. All consultants are expected to submit;
 - a) Technical and financial proposals
 - b) Any document justifying development of a National Action Plan or Policy document in Nutrition
 - c) Any similar previous work done for other clients
 - d) CVs of the proposed technical team together with
 - e) A company profile (for firms/companies)

Please note; travel and accommodation will be arranged by TFNC and should therefore not be included in the financial proposal.

13. Application

- 13.1. **All interested individuals should submit their applications through Tanzania National e-Procurement System (TANePS) at <https://www.taneps.go.tz/epps/home.do>**

14. Questions and queries

- 14.1. All questions should be submitted to Mr Geoffrey Chiduo <mailto:geoffrey.chiduo@tfnc.go.tz> and copied to <mailto:md@tfnc.go.tz> not later than Friday 12th February 2021

³ Budget Act No. 11 of 2015, Public Finance Act 2017, Public Procurement Act 2011 and TFNC Financial Regulations.