

## **Private Health Sector Development Advisor: Short-term Technical Assistance (STTA) Consultancy Scope of Work**

Deliverable based assignment

Duration: March 2022 – May 2022

Reports to: Leadership and Governance Advisor, FCT IHP TO 7

### **Background**

The USAID Integrated Health Program (IHP) in Nigeria is designed to contribute to state and FCT level reductions in child and maternal morbidity and mortality and to increase the capacity of the health system (public and private sectors) to sustainably support high-quality primary health care services that include integrated reproductive health and family planning, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health, plus nutrition and malaria (RMNCAH+NM) services in the Federal Capital Territory.

According to National Health Accounts 2017 data, private sector facilities account for 53.5% of the essential services delivered in Nigeria. The 2018 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey found that the private sector is reported as an important source of primary health care services for treatment of fever/malaria (62.3%), modern contraceptives (42.2%), treatment for children with symptoms of ARI (50%), and less so for facility-based deliveries (13%). In-depth data and information on the private sector in FCT are limited and in December 2021, IHP conducted a desk review Private Sector Landscape Assessment (PSLA) to gain deeper insight into the for-profit private health sector's strengths and weaknesses.

The PSLA provides several recommendations for strengthening private health sector engagement in health. IHP will work closely with relevant FCT departments, private health sector and other stakeholders in FCT to prioritize and implement some of the key recommendations of the PSLA.

### **Purpose of the position**

IHP is looking for a consultant to embed with the FCT Private Health Establishments Registration and Monitoring Committee (PHERMC) of HHSS to strengthen its capacity for improved regulation and oversight of the private health sector in the FCT, including development of a website for private health sector facilities, following the HEFAMAA registration website of the Lagos State Government. Working with the IHP Leadership and Governance Advisor the consultant will also provide capacity building and technical assistance for improved systems to the FCT level Private Sector Regulatory Bodies and Associations, including GMD, AGPMPN, AGPNPN NACHPN and NAPPMEDs, as well as develop licensing renewal criteria for private health facilities.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

In collaboration and consultation with IHP's field and HQ experts, undertake the following activities:

1. Strengthen capacity and improved regulation of the private health sector through support to PHERMC of HHSS
  - 1.1. Development of a website for private health sector facilities, following the HEFAMAA registration website of the Lagos State Government
  - 1.2. Support PHERMC to draft terms of reference, support kick-off meeting, development of annual workplan, and quarterly meetings to lead private sector regulation in FCT

- 1.3. Support PHERMC in the development of a capacity building plan that allows for planning for adequate resources and staffing and setting of short- and medium-term goals.
  - 1.4. Conduct training as needed and determined with the Leadership and Governance Advisor.
2. Provide capacity building and technical assistance for improved systems to the FCT level Private Sector Regulatory Bodies and Associations, including GMD, AGPMPN, AGPNPN NACHPN and NAPPMEDs, as well as develop licensing renewal criteria for private health facilities.
- 2.1. Coordinate the capacity building and improved regulation support activities with PHERMC with the relevant private sector regulatory body capacity building work
  - 2.2. Develop licensing renewal criteria for private health facilities.

### **Required Qualifications**

- Master's degree in business administration, economics, public administration, or a relevant field.
- At least 10 years of experience in strengthening government stewardship, systems strengthening, policy/strategy development in health or other sectors in Nigeria.
- Experience of working with private sector or/and health sector regulators required
- Experience in multi-sectoral coordination and networking with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated strategic ability, written and oral communication, and negotiation skills.
- Good computer skills (Microsoft Office, email, internet)
- Fluency in English. Fluency in other key local languages is of advantage.
- Resides in FCT- Abuja or can stay in FCT- Abuja throughout the consultancy period

### **How to Apply**

To apply, please submit the following documents:

1. A one-page summary cover letter outlining your experience with respect to private sector engagements and regulations or strengthening public-private collaborations.
2. Your CV

Send your application documents via email to [vacancies@pharmaccess-ng.org](mailto:vacancies@pharmaccess-ng.org) with 'PSE Advisor: STTA Consultancy' as the subject line.

Application deadline is March 8, 2022. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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