

Montenegro Ministry of Health Additional Financing of the Health System Improvement Project Loan No. 7819-ME CONSULTING SERVICES

Assignment code: MNE-AF-MHSIP-7819-CS-IC-11-A-107.1

Request for Expressions of Interest for individual consultant to the Minister of health to coordinate development of two National cancer prevention programs: colorectal cancer and cervical cancer

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 775 of 31 May 2010.

Montenegro has received an Additional Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of a Health System Improvement Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan towards payments under a contract no. MNE-AF-MHSIP-7819-CS-IC-11-A-107.1 for an Advisor to the Minister to coordinate development of National Program for Colorectal Cancer Prevention and National Program for Cervical Cancer Prevention, and subsenquently produce costed implementation plans for the programs.

The Advisor would assist the Ministry of Health by coordinating the development of the two National cancer prevention programs. The Advisor is expected to provide substantial technical input to development of one of the two Programs (depending on the specialization of the selected Advisor). More specifically, the Advisor will provide following services:

- Coordinate the development of a National Colorectal Cancer Prevention Program and a National Cervical Cancer Prevention Program;
- Review and analyze the existing cancer epidemiological situation in Montenegro regarding colorectal and cervical cancer;
- Identify the goals of National Program for Colorectal Cancer Prevention and National Program for Cervical Cancer Prevention;
- Identify and describe risk factors and priority target groups for colorectal and cervical cancer prevention;
- Identify and describe evidence-based and cost-effective methods for early discovery of colorectal and cervical cancer prevention based, justifying the proposed methods through documented citations to international medical literature;
- Propose the appropriate tests to be carried out on patients for the purpose of early colorectal and cervical cancer detection;
- Develop and propose multiannual programs for colorectal and cervical cancer screening, including the assessment of needed staff, organizational scheme, diagnostic equipment and other resources, with financial costs. Prioritization of the program interventions should be provided in case of resource constraints;
- The Programs should place particular attention in how to integrate the identification of risk factors and target groups by the Chosen Doctors and Gynecologists for regular and routine preventative examinations and appropriate referral;



- Provide inputs for public awareness raising and public information and communication campaigns regarding colorectal and cervical screening
- Deliver regular reports to the Ministry on the progress of the assignment

The Ministry of Health now invites **eligible individual consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (CV, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, , etc.). Individual consultants may be offered through firms or other organizations, but the qualifications of the individual consultant will be the basis of selection.

Depending on the specialization of selected consultant, he/she will develop the TOR for short-term involvement of experts with the other relevant specialization (i.e. gastroenterology, oncology, gyneacology, etc.) in order to provide expert input to the National Cancer Programs.

Criteria for selection of the Consultant are:

- a) Advanced university degree in medicine, with specialization in etiher gastroenterology or gyneacology; PhD preferable;
- b) Minimum 10 years of relevant working experience;
- c) Proven experience in the development and implementation of national cancer prevention programs, with a preference given to colorectal or cervical cancer prevention programs;
- d) Demonstrated experience and knowledge of national cancer prevention programs in the EU and region and implementation processes and methods; and
- e) Ability to communicate in Montenegrin and English languages

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*ⁱ May 2004, revised October 2006 and May 2010.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 9-15 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by March 3rd 2011. COB

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