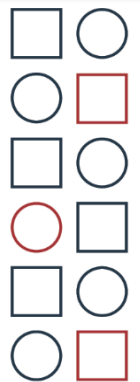


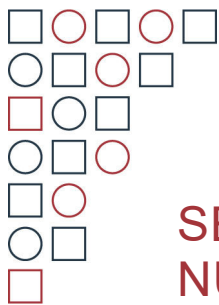
Expression of Interest No: 25-06-2024

Senior Health Economist Consultant

June 25, 2024

**Deadline for receipt of submissions:
12th July 2024 at 11.59pm Ottawa (EST) time**





SENIOR HEALTH ECONOMIST, BANKING ON NUTRITION (PHASE 3)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Nutrition International is recruiting an individual Consultant to perform the duties specified in this ToR. Nutrition International is committed to the fundamental principles of equal employment opportunity. Women are encouraged to apply.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Nutrition International provides quality, timely and coordinated expert Technical Assistance (TA) in the areas of nutrition governance, financing and data to governments, multilateral organizations, development banks and other partners. Our TA aims to advance the effective scale-up of evidence-based nutrition interventions and programs, with a focus on elevating the health of populations in areas with the highest potential for impact.

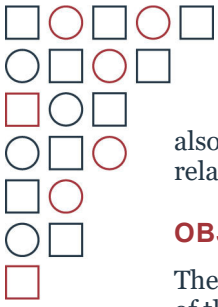
Africa is home to approximately one-third of the world's stunted children, and the number of stunted children is rising. In response, the African Union defined the objective of the Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy 2015-2025 to be a 40% reduction in Child Stunting by 2030. But among other factors impeding progress, particularly significant are insufficient investment, and missed opportunities to integrate nutrition into existing service delivery platforms and across sectors. In response, the African Development Bank has committed to make a significant contribution to the African Union's goal, by greatly increasing its nutrition-smart investments across sectors. In this context, the Banking on Nutrition Partnership (BoN) was formed in 2015 to support the African Development Bank's nutrition efforts, comprising of the Bank, Big Win Philanthropy, and the Aliko Dangote Foundation.

BoN has supported the development and approval of the Bank's Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (MNAP) 2018 – 2025, and funded Nutrition International (NI) to provide TA in support of the MNAP's operationalization. From January 2019 to 2022, that TA focused on the development of technical and operational guidance for nutrition-smart programming, capacity development, and the design of a new nutrition investment tracking Dashboard. During those two phases of TA, the Bank's nutrition-smart investments grew substantially, but there is still scope for more growth, and diversification.

BoN partners have now determined that a third phase of TA should be conducted, running until the end of 2025. This TA should both accelerate the growth trajectory in the Bank's nutrition-smart investing by 2025, while laying the foundation for sustained growth after 2025. This third phase of TA will expand the scope of nutrition-smart programming at the Bank to new sectors, while addressing some bottlenecks identified in a recently conducted Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the MNAP's implementation.

This TA is divided into two phases- Phase A (January 2024- January 2025) and Phase B (January 2025- December 2025) and will be made of several work-packages, each implemented by a team combining NI staff and consultants.

The primary responsibility of the Senior Health Economics Consultant will be to provide technical analytical, writing and project management leadership to the Economic Sector Work Package of the technical assistance provided by NI for the BoN Phase 3 Partnership. A series of evidence-based nutrition-themed Economic Sector Work Papers has been requested by the AfDB to inform the integration of nutrition into the development of Country Strategy Papers (or Mid-term reviews), which are influential tools in shaping the AfDB investment strategy process. The consultant will



also provide some limited technical support on the Case Support (Advocacy) work package and related project areas as may be needed.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the consultancy will be to provide the technical leadership and management of the Economic Sector Work Package for the AfDB BoN Phase 3 project.

The specific objectives and activities of this Consultancy are the following:

- Completion of Phase A Economic Sector Works Papers in 2024
- Support the Country Case Studies or regional-thematic best practices papers.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work and deliverables for the consultancy based on the objectives to be accomplished are as follows:

Objective 1: Completion of Phase A Economic Sector Works Papers in 2024

Activities:

- Lead the concept development, stakeholder engagement, data collection, analysis, writing and revision of Nutrition-themed Economic Sector Work Papers for the AfDB for up to three countries as proposed for Nigeria, Tanzania, Senegal, or other priorities countries if required.

Objective 3: Technical support for the Country Case Studies or Regional-thematic best practices papers.

Activities:

- Provide some limited technical support/advisory services on the Case Support (Advocacy) Work Package
- Provide technical support to the advocacy team to develop country or regional case studies/thematic best practice papers.
- Provide technical analytical support in the areas of economic analysis and nutrition financing to the project as needed.

DELIVERABLES

- Draft 2-3 nutrition-themed Economic Sector Works papers for the AfDB
- Technical support/advisory services for up to three country or regional case studies/thematic best-practice papers

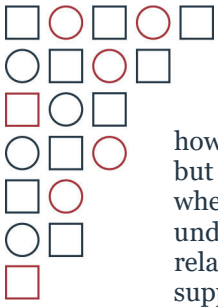
EXPECTED RESULTS

The success of this TA will be measured by the attainment of the following:

- 2-3 completed Nutrition-themed Economic Sector Works papers (or at least in draft form) for the AfDB by the end of December 2024.

GENDER

Nutrition International is committed to gender equality. Consultants are required to indicate how they will ensure that gender equality considerations are included in the provision of TA, including



how they are incorporated into deliverables. Examples of gender equality integration could include but are not limited to; ensuring government departments responsible for women are included wherever possible, gender sensitive indicators are included, emerging data is sex disaggregated, underlying causes of gender inequalities that may exist are considered and relevant documentation related to gender is reviewed. Nutrition International's gender equality strategy as well as tools to support gender mainstreaming can be accessed here: [Program Gender Equality Strategy](#).

TIMELINE

This consultancy will be for an initial period of up to 120 days for Phase A of work, covering deliverables due between July 2024 and January 2025. Contingent on performance and funding availability, the position may be further renewed for delivery of Phase B activities.

STATION / LOCATION

The consultant can be based in Abuja, Nigeria; Dakar, Senegal; Dar es Salaam or Dodoma City, Tanzania; Nairobi, Kenya or Abidjan in Côte d'Ivoire, other remote location in Africa if necessary.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

- The consultant may be required to travel to Cote d'Ivoire or elsewhere within Africa up to 10-20% of the time.
- All travel required under this consultancy will be provided for by Nutrition International. Travel allowances maximums are based on standard rates of the organization

MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING/COORDINATION MECHANISM

- The Consultant will report to the Project Director, Health Economics, Nutrition International and work in close collaboration with Senior Project Manager, Banking on Nutrition Phase 3 and other project leads, staff, consultants across NI.
- NI will provide the funding for the assignment, and payment will be made in installments subject to performance and reaching deliverables as agreed upon at the time of contract signing.

PROFILE/ QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANT

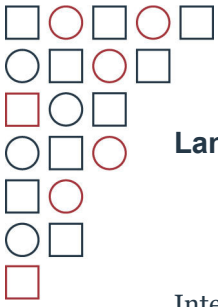
The Consultant should have the following profile:

Education:

- Master's degree from a recognized university in Public Financial Management, Health Economics, and Health Policy, or related fields is mandatory.
- Training in Public Financial Management desired, and training in health, nutrition or development policy an asset.

Experience:

- At least 10-15 years+ experience working in health or nutrition economics and/or financing analysis.
- Relevant experience with multi-lateral development banks (MDBs), WHO, or other UN agencies/international organizations or governments in Africa considered an asset.
- At least 5-10 years of experience in project management.



Language Skills:

- Fluency in written and spoken English is mandatory.
- Fluency in written and spoken French is desirable.

Interested Consultants are invited to submit the following by email to TechnicalAssistance@NutritionIntl.org , copying dwalters@nutritionintl.org by July 12th, 2024, 11:59pm, Eastern Standard Time (Ottawa time)

1. Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Cover Letter/ Suitability statement for the consultancy.

Additionally, applicants are expected to complete the [Technical Assistance Provider Recruitment Form - Nutrition International \(nutritionintl.org\)](#).

* The award of this Consultancy contract will be contingent on project funding availability.