

TOR for development and presentation of Immunization Act implementation Regulations

Uganda has made tremendous gains in increasing access to immunization up to 80% uptake. However, there are still a number of challenges facing the immunization program that require policy and budget attention, as a result, the government developed an immunization Act in 2016 to provide a strategic direction. The Act is to provide compulsory immunization of children, women of reproductive age and other target groups against immunizable diseases and to establish the immunization fund and to provide for other incidental matters.

For effective implementation of the immunization Act 2017, provision 26 of the Act mandates the Minister by statutory instrument to make regulations. To that effect, Ministry of Health (MOH) with support from partners will develop the regulations through a consultative process. A series of activities will be undertaken including a retreat to develop the regulations, a stakeholder meeting to review the draft of the regulations, and lastly a presentation will be made to top management at MOH and to the Hon. Minister for endorsement. In order to execute all the described activities, WHO will hire a consultant who will facilitate the entire process until a final draft of the regulations is developed and endorsed by Ministry of Health.

Objective

To develop regulations that will guide implementation of the immunization Act.

Specific Objectives

1. To provide the legal guidance in interpretation of clauses of the Immunization Act 2017.
2. To organize and facilitate stakeholder meetings to facilitate development of a draft of the regulations for the immunization Act.
3. Undertake consultative processes to validate and finalize the draft of the Immunization Act.

Scope of Work

- Conduct literature review to provide context and background of the immunization ACT in Uganda.
- Organize and facilitate a 3-day retreat with EPI key stakeholders (MoH, WHO, UNICEF, PATH, and CHAI) to develop the first draft the regulations.
- Organize and facilitate a one day meeting to present draft regulations to stakeholders.
- Incorporate feedback from the review meeting into the draft regulations.
- Prepare and present the second draft of the regulations for the immunization ACT to EPI technical team for validation.
- Prepare and present to MoH Top Management for Approval.

Methodology

The methodology will consist of review of relevant documents and focused group discussions conducted in a retreat and in stakeholder meetings.

Expected Deliverables

The consultant will be expected to produce the following deliverables

1. Inception report
2. Draft regulations to be reviewed by stakeholders in a one-day meeting.
3. Final report with regulations for the immunization Act.

Qualifications required

A master's degree in law with a diploma in legal practice and over 10 years' experience. Proven track record in developing regulations preferably with a good understanding of the health sector.

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Experience and knowledge of reforms in the health sector in Uganda;
- Sound communication and interpersonal skills;
- Strong report writing skills in English.

Estimated Level of Effort

The estimated level of effort for this assignment is 20 days from signing of contract.

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