

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)/CURRICULUM VITAE

### Consultant to Develop the National Strategic and Action Plan for Maternal Health

Globally, maternal mortality has been increasing with substantial variation among countries and within countries. Maternal deaths are relatively rare events, even in countries where maternal mortality rates are high. Thus, large sample sizes are needed to estimate both maternal mortality risks and contributors to maternal deaths.

There is a need for closer monitoring of maternal and perinatal morbidity and quality assurance. The development of an updated strategic plan would support the present activities and further define the quality of care offered to the population so that updated evidence-based methodologies can be implemented to achieve the SDG 3.1 target of a MMR of less than 70/100,000 live births

#### **Overall Objectives of the Consultancy**

The consultant shall work with the Family Health Unit, the National Surveillance Unit, and its external and internal partners to develop Jamaica's National Strategic and Action Plan for Maternal Health (2025-2030).

#### **Specific Objectives for the Consultancy are to:**

1. Evaluate the maternal health services in Jamaica 2013-2023
2. Develop Jamaica's National Strategic and Action Plan for Maternal Health (2025-2030)
3. Develop the implementation and monitoring and evaluation framework.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

##### **Proposed Methodology:**

The consultant is expected to collaborate with various administrative and technical officers at MOHW, the regional health authorities, and the internal and external stakeholders in the private and public domains to prepare a strategic plan to advance maternal health care.

In undertaking this assignment, the consultant is required to:

- a. Liaise with key stakeholders in MOHW and the Regions to determine perspective on the draft Maternal Death Surveillance Response Strategic draft Plan; this includes consultations and key informant interviews

- b. Use the findings of PROMAC evaluation, technical reports, and other relevant national and international reference documents to guide the selection of the key maternal health indicators for baseline assessment
- c. Provide a broad assessment of the current capacity of selected health facilities to provide ongoing reports for the action plan for key maternal health indicators including the current reporting forms for revision
- d. Develop an evaluation plan
- e. Evaluate the current maternal health services
- f. Prepare an evaluation report
- g. Develop the draft strategic and action plans with the implementation monitoring and evaluation framework
- h. Finalize the strategic and action plans with the implementation monitoring and evaluation framework
- i. Prepare PowerPoint presentations with draft strategic and action plans with the implementation monitoring and evaluation framework and the approved strategic and action plans.

#### **QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

The Consultant must meet the minimum required qualifications as detailed below or based on equivalency.

##### **Qualifications and Experience**

- Postgraduate degree in Obstetrics/Family Medicine/Economics or the equivalent (30 points)
- Experience in facilitating strategic planning for health
  1. More than 5 years (10 points)
  2. 2 years or more but less than 5 years (5 points)
  3. Less than 2 years (0 points)
- Experience with monitoring and evaluation methodologies
  1. More than 5 years (10 points)
  2. 2 years or more but less than 5 years (5 points)
  3. Less than 2 years (0 points)
- Experience in health policy
  1. More than 5 years (10 points)
  2. 2 years or more but less than 5 years (5 points)
  3. Less than 2 years (0 points).

The Terms of Reference will be available on the GOJEP on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**. Expressions of Interest in the form of an Application Letter, Curriculum Vitae and evidence of qualification must be sent via the GOJEP on or before **Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

Interested Consultants, who have not yet registered on the GOJEP, can self-register by navigating to the GOJEP Self-Registration page or make contact with the Office of the Public Procurement Policy (OPPP) [opppcustomercare@mof.gov.jm](mailto:opppcustomercare@mof.gov.jm) or by telephone at 876-932-5264 for support.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be viewed on both the MOH website at [www.moh.gov.jm](http://www.moh.gov.jm) and the GOJEP platform at <https://www.gojep.gov.jm/epps/home>.

**We thank all applicants; however, please note only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.**