Terms of Reference
Short Term Consultant – Public Health & Information Technology
(IT DIVISION)

National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) has been set up under the National Health Mission (NHM) as an autonomous registered society, to provide technical assistance and capacity building support to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for strengthening the public health system, at the National and State level. The NHSRC is also mandated to contribute towards National strategic health planning and program design.

IT Division at the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) is a vital component of the organization, supporting the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the National Health Mission (NHM) in their mission to enhance public health across India. With a steadfast commitment to advancing healthcare through technology, the IT Division plays a pivotal role in promoting efficient and effective health information systems.

At the heart of its mandate is state coordination, as the IT Division collaborates closely with various state health departments and stakeholders to ensure seamless integration and support for critical portals. This includes portals dedicated to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD), Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC), National Health Innovation Portal (NHINP), SaQsham and SASHAKT etc. By providing technical expertise and facilitating coordination, the IT Division empowers states to leverage these portals effectively, enabling data-driven decision-making and efficient healthcare delivery.

The IT Division also prioritizes public health needs, aligning its efforts with the MoHFW's vision of comprehensive healthcare for all. Through innovative solutions and the adoption of emerging technologies, the division works towards strengthening public health systems at the national and state levels. This involves leveraging digital platforms, data analytics, and interoperable systems to support public health programs, improve monitoring and evaluation, and enhance information exchange.

Furthermore, the IT Division plays a crucial role in designing and implementing information systems that enable efficient data collection, analysis, and reporting. By harnessing the power of technology, the division facilitates evidence-based decision-making and empowers healthcare providers, policymakers, and researchers with accurate and timely information.
In summary, the IT Division at NHSRC, in close collaboration with the MoHFW and NHM, drives transformative change in the realm of public health. Through state coordination and support, along with the seamless integration of key portals such as NCD, AB-HWC, NHINP, SaQsham and SASHAKT, the division is at the forefront of harnessing technology to strengthen healthcare systems and promote the well-being of all citizens.
National Health System Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi on behalf of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare invites applications from eligible candidates for short term consultant in IT division.

NHSRC intends recruiting Consultant – Public Health & IT purely on contractual basis on short term basis

Roles and Responsibilities:
- Ability to link evidence for development of Health IT systems for progressing public health goals
- Prepare study proposals, forge collaborations for primary evidence generation in the field of Digital Health.
- Ability to guide course-corrections for implemented Health IT systems through field observations, monitoring and evaluation

- Ability to use local grassroot knowledge & understanding, secondary databases, international models and theoretical frameworks to formulate inputs for conceptualization, designing, piloting and implementing Health IT systems at scale.
- Provide reports on monitoring, evaluations and learning on technologies deployed in the public health contexts.
- Provide support to the Advisor-IT and perform any other tasks assigned by Advisor IT

Other routine tasks:
- Support generation and synthesis of evidence on components of health systems strengthening from multiple technical data sources
- Prepare RFPs/EOIs/reports for field visit studies and evaluations to generate primary data to monitor/review the programme implementation in the allotted States
- Provide technical inputs on allocated thematic areas related to Health IT
- Support various taskforces anchored by the division and provide support to various meetings and workshops
- Follow-up with the stakeholders to ensure quality outputs within the tight deadlines
- Undertake other assignments, which may be assigned from time to time by the Reporting Authority
- Technical assistance for decentralized planning & strengthening equitable health systems in the poor performing districts of India
- Coordination with Divisions of the NHSRC to collate their inputs/comments related to the Health IT projects.

- Eligibility:
- Post-graduation or higher qualification in Community Health Administration, Public Health, Community Health, Preventive & Social Medicine, Biostatistics, Demography, Sociology, Health Economics or Anthropology.
- Minimum 1 years of post-qualification work experience in Health Systems, at district and state level, in conceptualization, development, testing, implementation of Health IT solutions at scale., or in Health Research related with IT.
- Established oral and written communication skills in English, in writing crisp, unambiguous technical reports. Writing samples can be submitted as annexures, in addition to the CV. Working knowledge of Hindi/ other regional languages is also desirable.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have worked in NHM at National or State level and those with peer-reviewed indexed publications
- Willingness to travel to states/districts as and when required and an ability to multitask
- Computer Skills: Proficiency in commonly used packages like MS Word, Excel, Power Point. Ability to use internet to for desk research, literature review and accessing other relevant documents. Knowledge of statistical packages would be preferred
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment (with IT professionals)
- Formal educational qualification, experience & age could be relaxed for exceptional candidates**.**

Qualification & Experience*:

For achieving above-mentioned deliverables, the applicant is expected to possess following qualifications & experience –

Essential Qualification –

- Possess a Medical/Dental/ Nursing/Ayush degree from a recognized University
- Two years full-time Masters' Degree (or Equivalent) in Hospital/Health Management/ Public Health from a reputed institute

- 2+ years experience
  Desirable – Preference would be given to following applicants

- MBBS from MCI recognized Medical College
- Any experience with Ministry of Health
- Robust experience of Health System strengthening

  <u>Incumbent is expected to have excellent writing skills, for which a screening test may be administered.</u>

Qualification & Experience may be relaxed for deserving candidates.

Age: 45 years & below. Age can be relaxed for a suitable candidate.

Remuneration Range: Between Rs. 60,000/- to Rs. 1,20,000/- *Fee offered within the band in commensuration with qualification and experience.

Contract tenure: Three months and extendable

Work Location: New Delhi; Opportunity to gain hands on experience of public health canvas of states and districts. Travel to states and districts will be required too.

Note: As this is a short term assignment;
- Preference will be given to candidates residing within Delhi/NCR region.
- The selected candidate will be required to join within 7 days.

How to apply: Candidates are requested to fill the online application correctly which is available on the NHSRC website (http://nhsrcindia.org). Applications will be accepted in the prescribed online application format only. Last date for receiving applications is **1st August 2023.**