The West African Health Organisation received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to use part of the proceeds of this grant for payments under the following research contract: “Coverage, effects and impacts of Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) and Mass Treatment campaigns for Neglected Tropical Diseases (MT/NTD) in the health districts covered by the Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (M/NTD) project in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.”

The study mainly aims to evaluate the coverage, effects and impacts of the SMC and MT/NTD campaigns in the Health Districts covered by the Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Disease (SM/NTD) project. Specifically, the study aimed to:

- Ascertain SMC treatment coverage for children aged 0-59 months per Health District (HD) at the end of each year;
- Ascertain the coverage of preventive chemotherapy achieved by MT/NTD campaigns to eligible populations per HD, disaggregated for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, geo-helminthiases, lymphatic filariasis and trachoma at the end of each year;
- Measure the impact of SMC on the incidence of simple, severe malaria cases and deaths due to malaria among children aged 0-59 months per Health District, each year;
- Measure the impact of MT/NTD campaigns on the prevalence of follicular trachoma (FT) among <5 years children, FI, schistosomiasis, geo-helminthiases and Bilharziasis by Health District, each year.

The study will be conducted by a recognised research institution with a good reputation. This institution must demonstrate a good knowledge of malaria prevention strategy and mass treatment of neglected tropical diseases, expertise and proven research experience in the field of malaria and neglected tropical diseases. Proven experience in carrying out impact/effect studies in these or similar fields, and in publishing the results in renowned international scientific journals.

The research institution must have or be able to mobilise the appropriate relevant resources for the satisfactory execution of the mission.
The institution should assemble a multidisciplinary team of key experts such as: Epidemiologists, with several years of experience in conducting impact studies, Infectiologists, Biologists, Biostatisticians, and Database Managers.

The research mission will last a maximum of six months each year (2018, 2019) from the date the contract is signed.

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) invites qualified research institutions ("consultants") to express their interest in providing the afore-mentioned services. Qualified institutions must provide information demonstrating that they possess the required qualifications and relevant experience (documentation introducing them and their areas of competence, references concerning the performance of similar contracts) in the field of the mission to render the Services. The references must be evidenced by cover pages and Contract signature pages or Certificates of successful completion. A table summarising past experience/references must include the purpose of the mission, the address of the client, the cost of the project, year of completion, and duration. Selection will be based on the above criteria.

Consultants are hereby informed that the provisions of paragraph 1.9 of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers under the IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants", (January 2011 edition, July 2014 revised version), on World Bank rules regarding conflict of interests shall apply.

A consultant will be selected using the quality and cost-based selection method as laid down in the Guideline for Consultants.

Interested consultants may also obtain additional information on reference materials from the address below and during work hours from Monday to Friday 08h00 to 16h00.

Expressions of interest bearing in subject and/or envelope the reference "Recruitment of a research institution to carry out a study on the coverage, effects and impacts of SMC and MT/NTD in the health districts covered by the M-NTD Project in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger" may be sent by post to the WAHO secretariat or by e-mail to the address below no later than Friday, 30 November 2018 at 11:00 GMT.

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