

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### CONSULTANCY

Date of issue: 06/02/23

Position: consultant

Tentative starting date: early March

#### **About GHA:**

Global Health Advocates (GHA) is a French NGO whose mission is to carry out political advocacy in France and with the EU institutions to ensure policies and resources are effectively addressing health inequalities. Created in 2001, GHA was born out of a collective effort to eliminate three poverty-related diseases. At the French level, GHA works to ensure Official Development Assistance (ODA) is increased and that access to health is a priority in French development policies. At EU level, GHA develops recommendations on EU research, health, and development budgets and policies that have the potential to help the world reach equitable access to health.

#### **Context:**

- The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the urgent and dire need of collective actions and of improvements to the international architecture for global health. It also highlighted the necessity to largely increase investments in prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) against future pandemics. To respond to these longstanding shortfalls, the World Bank approved in June 2022, the creation of a new financial intermediary trust fund (FIF) for PPR. The Pandemic Fund was officially launched in November 2022 under the Indonesian G20 Presidency, alongside the joint health and finance ministerial meeting. Its goals are to reinforce countries' capacities, especially low- and middle-income countries, to alleviate the risks of future global health threats, in supporting sustainable financing, investing in neglected areas of global health and in offering technical support at national, regional, and global levels. A first call for proposal should be launched in early 2023, with the ambition to contribute to the strengthening of health surveillance, laboratories capacities and of the healthcare workforce.
- Although the creation of a new instrument specifically dedicated to prevent, prepare and respond to health crises is crucial, the involvement of multilateral development banks, especially the World bank, in funding global health has not yet proved its efficiency. There are questions regarding their role in enhancing access to health care for vulnerable populations and regarding their catalytic effects. An example is the Pandemic Emergency Fund launched in 2017, which has been largely criticised for not achieving its objective to catalyse additional resources. To address these critics, the Pandemic Fund seems to be willing to place preparedness efforts at its forefront instead of only funding response actions. In a context of global recession following the Covid-19 pandemic, pressure on national budgets and on available resources for development aid from donor countries, identifying and benefiting from new funding sources for health, as a global public good, will be necessary in the future.

### **Consultancy summary:**

- Content of the report:
  - The research will be an analysis of the role of multilateral development banks, before and during the Covid-19 pandemic, in the sector of global health;
  - The research will identify limits and risks of the involvement of international financial institutions and multilateral development banks in health care and health services and their role in increasing access to health care to vulnerable populations.
  - The analysis will also be an opportunity to identify domains in which multilateral development banks can have a real added value in terms of development funding, especially in global health.
  - Finally, in view of the launch of the first calls for proposal and selection of projects and implementing partners for the Pandemic Fund, the analysis will contain a set of recommendations on the role multilateral development banks should play in global health, which should be taken into account by the international community in order to guarantee that MDBs effectively contribute to strengthening universal, equitable and affordable access to health care.

#### Main objective:

- Ensure the involvement of multilateral development banks in funding global health effectively contribute to strengthening equitable, universal and affordable access to health care and services, to strengthening health systems, as well as the prevention, preparedness and response to global health emergencies.
- Sub-objectives:
  - Identify challenges and opportunities of the involvement of multilateral development banks in the funding of global health;
  - Inform on limits and risks of the involvement of multilateral development banks in global health financing and ensure the proper framing of their role in development issues;
  - Contribute to the discussions at national and international level regarding international funding of development, especially for health and global public goods ahead of the “New financial pact” and “Finance in common” summits.
- Expected deliverables:
  - Draft report and recommendations;
  - Transcript of conducted of semi-structured interviews.
- Methodology:
  - Literature review and study of available documentation regarding the role of multilateral development banks (MDBs) in global health;
  - Preparation and conduction of interviews with key informants on questions of our research;
  - Identification of research and similar recommendations on the role of multilateral development banks on the access to other essentials rights (water, education, nutrition, etc).

### **Main tasks:**

- Literature review;
- Propose key informants, draft questions and perform interviews (transcriptions should be made available);
- Draft of a report (10 pages max) summarising main findings;
- Convene a strategic brainstorming on key recommendations with GHA policy team based on the analysis;
- Draft 1-page recommendations.

### **Timeframe & budget:**

Starting in early March and finishing end of March for a total of up to 6000€ (including all taxes) for at least 12 days. Applicants are required to propose a planning and budget to conduct the consultancy.

### **Consultant profile - Experience and skills required:**

#### **Skills:**

- Good writing skills
- Diplomacy
- Rigor
- Organisation
- Flexibility
- Autonomy
- Good knowledge of the international solidarity fields, of the Global Health landscape and of the Bretton woods institutions

#### **Formation and experience:**

- University diploma in law, international relations, international development, humanitarian action of public health;
- Professional experience in international solidarity, development or global health sectors.

### **Application process:**

Interested candidates who fully meet the above criteria are invited to send their applications to [yilliaquer@ghadvocates.org](mailto:yilliaquer@ghadvocates.org) along with the following:

- Cover letter indicating interest and past experiences from similar projects;
- Foreseen planning and budget proposal;
- An updated CV or Company profile with references.

**Applications should be submitted by 22 February 2023.**

You may be asked to attend a short interview to discuss your expression of interest further.