

# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #006-2025 20 January 2025

Position Title : Regional Consultant (s)

Project Name : Strengthening the Training of Rural Health Workers in CLMV Countries

Duration : Twelve (12) months (April 2025 – March 2026)

Location : Home-based with travel to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar,

and Vietnam (CLMV) as required

Reporting to : Project Coordinator, Sun Community Health

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Travel Requirement : As necessary to fulfill on-site visits, workshops, and trainings in

**CLMV** countries

### **Project Background**

**Sun Community Health** aims to strengthen healthcare systems in underserved regions, focusing on rural and remote communities. This project, "Strengthening the Training of Rural Health Workers in CLMV Countries," seeks to improve the capacities of health workers such as nurses, midwives, and doctors to provide quality healthcare services in rural areas of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam. The assignment includes conducting an in-depth assessment of current competencies, developing tailored training programs, piloting workshops, and sharing final results and recommendations with stakeholders to ensure sustainable improvements in rural health services.

#### Scope of Work and Key Responsibilities

The **Regional Consultant(s)** will closely collaborate with Sun Community Health, MOH focal points from CLMV countries, and relevant ASEAN bodies (SOM-HD, IAI Task Force, ASEAN Secretariat) to fulfill the following:

#### 1. Inception and Desk Review

- Submit an inception report outlining the proposed methodology, timeline, and anticipated deliverables.
- Conduct a training needs assessment (desk review) on the existing capacity of CLMV rural health workers in key occupation groups (nurses, midwives, doctors) to address healthcare in rural areas.
- Map existing capacity-building programs from multilateral and bilateral partners to avoid duplication.

## 2. Field Assessment

- o Coordinate and conduct field visits in each CLMV country to validate desk review findings.
- Engage with local stakeholders (e.g., Ministry of Health officials, provincial leaders, medical trainers) to understand real-world challenges, especially regarding **prenatal care** and **NCD management** in rural settings.



## 3. Assessment Report

- o Produce a **first draft** of the **training needs assessment report** highlighting capacity gaps and recommended priority areas (e.g., maternal health, infection prevention, etc.).
- o Incorporate stakeholder feedback to finalize the assessment report.

# 4. Regional Workshop (Physical)

- Design and facilitate a regional workshop for CLMV stakeholders to discuss the assessment findings and agree on priority areas to be addressed.
- Prepare a workshop program and a post-workshop report documenting outcomes and next steps.

# 5. **Development of Training Programs**

- Engage experts from ASEAN Member States to design one comprehensive training program addressing the identified priorities (e.g., prenatal care, NCD management in rural settings).
- Incorporate international best practices suitable for CLMV contexts.

# 6. Pilot Training Implementation

- o Roll out the training programs to up to 120 rural health workers (30 per CLMV country).
- o Provide **pre-recorded video modules** or remote learning tools to facilitate participation and reduce disruptions to healthcare service delivery.
- Monitor and document training effectiveness (via pre- and post-tests, participant feedback forms).

#### 7. Virtual Workshop

- o Organize a **virtual workshop** to **share the results** of the training assessments and gather feedback on the implementation experience from each CLMV country.
- o Submit a workshop report summarizing key takeaways and next steps.

#### 8. Project Completion Report

 Prepare and submit a final project completion report, consolidating all insights, final assessment findings, training outcomes, and recommendations for sustaining project gains post-consultancy.

### **Expected Outputs and Deliverables**

#### 1. Inception Report

Outlines methodology, work plan, and deliverables.

## 2. Training Needs Assessment Report

 Detailed analysis of existing rural health workforce capacities, data on occupation groups, and mapping of other capacity-building initiatives.

#### 3. Regional Workshop Outputs

 Workshop program, facilitation, and a comprehensive workshop report summarizing stakeholder feedback and agreed priority areas.



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#### 4. Training Program Package

- Comprehensive curriculum covering long-term health priorities (e.g., maternal care, NCD management).
- Incorporates a train-the-trainer model and reference to international best practices.

## 5. Training Implementation

 Training report, including participant lists, pre- and post-training assessments, and evaluation forms.

# 6. Virtual Workshop Output

• **Virtual workshop program** and a **workshop report** detailing the lessons learned, best practices, and next steps.

## 7. Final Project Completion Report

 Consolidated documentation of project outcomes, challenges, and recommendations, including sustainability strategies (e.g., train-the-trainer approach).

# **Qualifications and Special Skills**

## Technical Expertise:

- Thorough understanding and in-depth knowledge of rural health issues and best practices.
- Demonstrated ability in qualitative data collection and analysis.

#### Communication:

- Excellent English proficiency (spoken and written).
- Proven capacity to develop clear, concise reports and training materials.

#### Project Delivery:

- Ability to adhere to strict timelines and produce high-quality deliverables.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.

# **Relevant Experience**

# 1. Consultations & Policy Recommendations

 Proven track record of providing high-level consultations and policy recommendations to government institutions.

#### 2. Facilitation & Stakeholder Engagement

 Extensive experience facilitating discussions/consultations among government officials, NGOs, and other stakeholders across multiple countries.

#### 3. Training Development

 Demonstrated success in designing and delivering training programs, particularly for healthcare professionals.



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#### 4. Regional Expertise

 Previous work experience in ASEAN regions, especially CLMV countries, is highly desirable.

### 5. Project Development & Management

 Proven ability to manage complex projects, adhering to goals, deadlines, and quality standards.

# **Timeline and Payment**

• **Consultancy Period:** 12 months (April 2025 – March 2026), with **60–90 man-days** allocated to project tasks.

#### Payment Schedule:

- Payment will be **output-based** and tied to successful submission of agreed-upon deliverables (e.g., inception report, training modules, final report) as per a schedule agreed upon during contract signing.
- o Travel and accommodation costs for field visits (if applicable) will be reimbursed or provided in alignment with Sun Community Health's policies.

# **Application Process**

Interested candidates are invited to submit the following documents;

- Cover Letter detailing relevant experience and motivation for the assignment.
- Curriculum Vitae of the lead consultant(s), highlighting past consultancies and qualifications.
- **Proposed Daily Rate/Fee** and a brief outline of your approach to accomplishing the tasks.
- **Reference Contacts** (at least two), preferably from organizations in which similar work was performed.

Please send applications to as per following "APPLY LINK", not later than on the evening of **28 February 2025 (Friday).** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. References and background checks will be conducted as part of the selection process.

(APPLY LINK: <a href="https://smrtr.io/ptTTq">https://smrtr.io/ptTTq</a>)

#### **Additional Information**

**Sun Community Health ("SCH")** is a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. It is a local non-governmental organization in Myanmar and is established in particular to advance socially beneficial purposes in Myanmar by promoting and providing information, services and products related to the prevention, promotion, curation and rehabilitation of the major health services including but not limited to HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, maternal and child health, reproductive health and non-communicable diseases with the aim of furthering good health, prosperity and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness. This also includes state-of-art training programs, quality assurance programs, and a robust supply chain and logistics system and health financing mechanisms. The Organization may also provide non-health related ancillary services that ensure and improve the well-being of its clientele.



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- Sun Community Health is dedicated to promoting equity and inclusivity.
- We uphold the **highest standards of ethics** and have a **zero-tolerance policy** for any form of discrimination, exploitation, or abuse.
- All consultants associated with Sun Community Health must abide by our **Code of Conduct** and are expected to maintain **professional integrity** throughout the project cycle.

For any clarifications regarding the Terms of Reference, please reach out to: Sun Community Health Email: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/journal.org">https://doi.org/10.1016/journal.org</a>.

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