

## **TIP TOP COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY**

**EXP\_20\_2019**

### **Background**

The unacceptably low proportion of eligible pregnant women receiving Intermittent Preventive Treatment for malaria in pregnancy (IPTp) with quality-assured (QA) sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP) leaves 15 million women unprotected from malaria. It is urgent to develop and assess the effectiveness of alternative approaches for prevention of malaria in pregnancy. The TIPTOP project will apply a ground-breaking, community-based approach, called C-IPTp, that fosters partnership and strengthens the dynamic link between communities and health facilities, especially for the most vulnerable people. Specifically, we will introduce a novel platform to increase coverage of IPTp3-SP to a minimum of 50% in project areas, across targeted countries, to prevent malaria in pregnancy (MiP). The ultimate goal of TIPTOP is to gather conclusive evidence of the effectiveness of C-IPTp and submit it to the WHO for possible implementation in sub-Saharan Africa. Rigorous information of the cost-effectiveness of C-IPTp is part of the evidence to be gathered.

ISGlobal – the Barcelona Institute for Global Health -- is an international health research centre whose ultimate goal is to help close the gaps in health disparities between and within different regions of the world. For this, we focus on knowledge generation (research), training, and implementation (both policy and global development).

### **I. OBJECT**

The present document is intended to guide the provision of services of a consultant or institution that will perform the TIP TOP cost-effectiveness study in collaboration with ISGlobal.

All the technical specifications contained in this document are considered to be part of the minimum requirements and do not exclude any other needs for compliance with the purpose of the service contracted.

### **II. CONTENT OF THE WORK**

#### **Scope of work**

The project seeks to assess the comparative cost-effectiveness of delivering IPTp through CHWs and through health facilities, as evidence from existing studies is limited and little is still known in a generalizable way.

The objective of the contract will be to calculate the economic costs of the intervention (direct and indirect) for HH and health system and compare to those of IPTp delivered exclusively through the ANC. The economic evaluation will include the estimation of health systems savings of C-IPTp delivery and geographical modeling of the economic impact of the intervention (by extrapolating findings to other SSA countries where IPTp is delivered through the ANC and where there are CHW programs in place), taking into account input variables such as malaria endemicity and ANC attendance, among others. Intermediate indicators of the intervention (such as its equity, efficiency and quality of C-IPTp delivery) will be also evaluated.

### **Technical Specifications**

- Consultant or institution with proven experience in health economics or related.
- Availability to conduct evaluation in the field and field analysis.
- Availability during the timeline of the project: from June 2019 to April 2022 if necessary.
- Knowledge of at least two of the languages needed for the project: English, French, Portuguese.
- Working autonomous but with close collaboration with ISGlobal team.

### **III. ESSENTIAL CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

They will be considered as essential obligations of the successful bidder, the following:

- a) Guarantee absolute confidentiality of the documentation received, taking the due diligence not to disclose it, or use it in any way other than the purpose of this contract. Failure to comply with this obligation will automatically imply termination of the contract and will result in a claim by ISGlobal for damages that may have been inflicted.
- b) Guarantee and take responsibility for the technical quality of the works and services that develops and the consequences that may occur, by ISGlobal or for third parties, as a consequence of omissions, errors, inadequate methods or incorrect conclusions in the execution of the contract.
- c) To carry out a strict follow-up in carrying out the work of the report audit.
- d) Deliver the works and reports hired in the manner and terms provided in the Bidding Document.

#### **IV. CONTRACT PERIOD**

The duration of the contract will be of 1 year, which can be extended if needed.

The estimated start date of the contract is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

#### **V. ADVERTISING**

The present contract will be published by announcement in the Suppliers Profile of the entity on the website: [www.isglobal.org](http://www.isglobal.org)

#### **VI. PLACE AND DATE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

The economic proposals must be submitted by email to the address [licitaciones@isglobal.org](mailto:licitaciones@isglobal.org)

The deadline for submitting proposals will end on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020, at 12:00.

#### **VII. LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE CONTRACT**

The contract is considered a private contract and is subject to private law, ruling by this Schedule, by the contract and documentation attached, and in everything not provided by the applicable civil and commercial legislation.

#### **VIII. EXPENDIENT OF RECRUITMENT, AWARD PROCEDURE OF THE CONTRACT AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED TENDERS**

The contracting of the reference services will be awarded by the procedure envisaged in Section IX of the Internal Contracting Instructions of the entity. From the day of publication of the tender notice, interested companies can be obtained through the contractor's profile on the website [www.isglobal.org](http://www.isglobal.org) the necessary documentation to prepare your proposals.

ISGlobal will evaluate proposals based on how well the responses demonstrate the company's ability to meet the needs and scope of services for this project as outlined in this audit as well as cost-effectiveness of the proposed strategy. ISGlobal will select the company based on:

- Merits and completeness of the proposed project plan and scope of services proposed
  - Service-related experience
  - Experience and qualifications of proposed staff
  - Planned approach to meet the project's requirements as listed above
- Financial proposal including, but not limited to, discounts, service charges, and other charges.

#### **IX. PAYMENT METHOD**

Payment and periodicity of payment will be linked to the acceptance of the deliverables and in accordance with the contractual agreement.

Payments will be done by bank transfer after submission of the bank certificate by the consultant or Institution.

Barcelona, June 7th, 2019