

Terms of Reference

Technical support for conducting the end term review of the National Strategic Plan for Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance in Sri Lanka 2017-2022 and developing the National Strategic Plan for Antimicrobial Resistance 2023-2027

1. Background

1.1 Introduction

Antimicrobial resistance is a major threat to health and human development, affecting our ability to treat a range of infections. Treatments for a growing number of infections have become less effective in many parts of the world due to resistance.

Considering the importance of combatting antimicrobial resistance as a global health priority, Global Action Plan to combat AMR was developed in 2015. Subsequently, all member states agreed to develop a National Action Plan in align with the Global Action Plan in a resolution adopted at the World Health Assembly in May 2015. In response to this, Sri Lanka developed the National Strategic Plan for Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance in 2017. The development of the National Strategic Plan for Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance (NSP) 2017-2022 provided the roadmap to combat AMR through a “One Health” approach. Following which, the country has initiated many activities towards combating AMR with multisectoral collaboration, under the One Health concept.

The NSP was developed under five key strategies aligned with the strategic objectives of the Global Action Plan. These strategies cover all aspects in combating AMR involving human, animal, agriculture, fisheries and environment sectors. The five strategies were further expressed with specific objectives and with short and long term (2 year and 5 year) milestones for implementation. The end term review of the National Strategic Plan 2017-2022 requires reviewing the implementation status of the NSP and to find out gaps, challenges and strengths to formulate key recommendations and strategies for the new NSP 2023-2027. Therefore, this consultancy is for a technical agency to support the end term review and the develop the NSP which has to be in operation from the year 2023 to 2027.

1.2 Objective

1. To conduct the end term review and review the implementation of the National Strategic Plan for Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance 2017-2022 across all of its specific objectives.
2. To develop a National Strategic Plan for Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance 2022-2027 based on the end term review findings.

2. Planned timelines

The activity is to be completed by 30 March 2023

3. Requirements

3.1 Work to be performed:

The contractual partner is expected to conduct the following:

- Submit a detailed proposal on their plan to conduct the end term review the National Strategic Plan for combatting Antimicrobial Resistance in Sri Lanka 2017-2022.
- Submit a detailed proposal to the WHO on how they will plan to conduct the development of the National Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and the corresponding Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

The contractual partner is expected to work under the overall supervision of the WHO Representative to Sri Lanka and in close collaboration with relevant WHO technical staff and focal points of the Ministry of Health.

3.2 Deliverables

- Submission of the end term review the National Strategic Plan for combatting Antimicrobial Resistance in Sri Lanka 2017-2022
- Submission of the National Strategic Plan for 2023-2027 and the corresponding Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

4. Expected characteristics of the provider

The contractual agency shall:

- Comprised of a team of experts with higher university degrees in medicine, public health, veterinary sciences, microbiology, agriculture or a related discipline
- Have a lead consultant with a minimum 5 years of experience in the fields of antimicrobial resistance, antimicrobial stewardship, antimicrobial surveillance
- Have prior experience in conducting national/ international assessments/ projects of similar caliber.

Curriculum vitae of the identified expert/s should be annexed to the proposal.

5. Place of assignment

Colombo, Sri Lanka



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