

Terms of Reference

Development of National standards, Indicators and Implementation package on Health Promoting Schools in line with Global HPS standards and package

This consultancy is requested by:

Unit:	RMNCAH
Division:	WCO SRL/RMNCAH

A. Background and rationale

WHO and UNESCO have launched a new initiative “Making Every School a Health-Promoting School”. The initiative is expected to serve over 1.8 billion school-age children and will contribute to WHO's 13th General Programme of Work' target of achieving “1 billion lives made healthier” by 2023 and to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in the field of education and health.

As part of the initiative, systems-oriented Global Standards have been developed together with indicators to support progress towards achieving the goal¹. To support their country adaptation and adoption, an Implementation guidance was also developed describing key stakeholders, their roles and responsibilities and implementation strategies.

Given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is proposed to advance the implementation of Global Standards for HPS in countries and to build the capacity of national and sub-national (state, provincial, district) and local managers and school teams to apply current recommendations by WHO on school reopening and safe operations.

Recent rapid assessment by WHO/SEARO revealed about strengths and weaknesses about present HPS policies and programmes in SEA region including Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka possess number of opportunities at policy and programme level to enhance quality and coverage in implementation of HPS including introduction of explicit allocation of resources to achieve the said objectives.

Health promoting school programme was officially launched in Sri Lanka in 2007 as a collaborative activity between Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education(MOE). Guidelines on establishing health promoting schools has been released by MOE and school evaluation and accreditation process was introduced in 2013 engaging all 10,000 public sector schools in the country. Self-evaluations were promoted via Ministry of Education (MOE) circulars and guidelines in 2014 and the evaluation process continued till 2017. If a given school scored above 60 marks (of 100) in the self-evaluation

¹ <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/global-standards-for-health-promoting-schools>
https://www.who.int/health-topics/health-promoting-schools#tab=tab_1

process using HPS self-evaluation check list, then the school was categorized as a HPS. 2017 evaluation report reveals that 33% schools were categorized as HPS.

B. Scope of work :

1) **Goal and Objective:** The purpose of this consultancy is to review and adopt the global standards and implementation guide on Health promoting schools to Sri Lankan setting under the technical guidance of technical working group on Health Promoting school implementation (TWG – HPSI); School Health Unit of Family Health Bureau ; Directorate on Health, Ministry of Education and WHO .

2) Activities and Tasks:

In consultation with Family Health Bureau, MOE and WHO and under the guidance of TWG-HPSI, the expert will carry out following specific tasks in a timely manner as per WHO rules and regulations:

2.1 To review the

- Making every school a health-promoting school – Global standards and indicators (2021)- <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240025059>
- Making every school a health-promoting school – Implementation Guidance (2021) - <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240025073>
- Global, SEAR and national assessments on HPS;
- National HPS guidelines; circulars; Accreditation /Quality frameworks released by MOH and MOE
- Various records, returns and formats issued on HPS by MOH and MOE

2.2 Conduct In depth interviews /focus group discussions (FGD) with national/ district /field or school level experts to see how best Sri Lanka can adopt the global HPS standards, indicators and implementation guide (at least 2-3 experts from each group)

2.3 Facilitate TWG meetings with close coordination of NPM/ School Health programme, FHB, MOH

2.4 Prepare draft adopted HPS standards and implementation guide and submit to Expert committee; MOH; MOE; WHO for comments

2.5 Revise the documents as per comments received

2.6 Orient stakeholders on adopted HPS standards and implementation guide specially highlighting on how best to integrate the adopted packages into the existing framework /system

2.7 Train a pool of master trainers (selected by MOH and MOE) on adopted HPS standards and implementation guide specially addressing potential implementation challenges (1-2 day TOT with 25-30 officers)

C. Output:

- 1) Locally adopted HPS standards, indicators and implementation guide
- 2) Brief Report including methodology, challenges, and recommendations for system integration
- 3) Advocacy brief (2 page) on the key findings and recommendations targeting higher authorities & decision makers
- 4) A draft case study /scientific journal manuscript for publication with a view to share Sri Lanka's effort -where the expert will be acknowledged

D. Proposed Time lines : 30 days between 2022 September 25- 2023 January 31

E. Education, Experience, Skills:

Essential

- a) Education: Minimum a MD in Community Medicine or PhD in public health or related field
- b) Years of experience: 05-07 years of experience in public health/ Maternal & child health related data analysis, making recommendations and report writing .
- c) Past work or research experience in School health / Health promotion and related fields & Making recommendations

Preferable

- a) Specialist skills: Proven skills in research, analytical work and report writing. Samples /links to previous work – to be submitted with the application for review
- b) Competencies: Ability to engage constructively with governments and other partners/stakeholders at national and sub-national levels as per requirement.
- c) Broad understanding of the school system & on Health promotion in Sri Lanka
- d) Previous work experience with Ministry of Health & with UN agencies

F. Budget

Interested partners/ organizations are requested to submit **separate** technical and financial proposals for evaluation.



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