



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI):

CONSULTANCY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES (KAP) SURVEY ON ZIKA AND ITS COMPLICATIONS IN SIX (6) CARPHA MEMBER STATES

CONSULTANCY

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), with funding from the 11th EDF Programme for the Support for Health System Strengthening for prevention and control of outbreaks of Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases in the Caribbean, is seeking to engage a consultant to gain a better understanding of the population's knowledge, attitudes and practices associated with Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases (MBDs) in six (6) CMS, that could be used to (i) further inform CARPHA of facilitators and barriers to implementing a community-based Vector Borne Disease public education campaign, and (ii) inform policies and strategies to reduce the spread of Zika, ChikV and Dengue.

BACKGROUND

Vector-borne diseases (VBDs) such as those caused by viruses and parasites which are transmitted to humans, mainly by mosquitoes, are a major threat to the health and economies of societies globally. Over 80% of the world's population is at risk of contracting a VBD with mosquito borne diseases (MBD) having the greatest impact (Franklinos et. Al, 2019)¹. MBDs such as human malaria, dengue, chikungunya and zika are diseases account for approximately 17% of the estimated global burden of infectious diseases, with approximately 700, 000 attributable deaths each year.

The Caribbean region is a hot spot for the emergence and persistence of VBDs in the American continent. Dengue-like illnesses were recorded in the Americas since the 1600s, but the modern era of understanding started with the isolation of the dengue virus for the first time in 1943-44. The Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory (1952-1974) and the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC 1975-2012), which were merged into CARPHA in 2013, contributed significantly to the global understanding of the disease.

Objective of the Project:

The overall objective of the project of which this contract will be a part is as follows:

¹ Franklinos, Lydia H. V., Jones, Kate E., Redding, David W., Abubakar, Ibrahim (2019). The effect of global change on mosquito-borne disease. *The Lancet*

To contribute to the improvement of the public health of the Caribbean population and the sustainable social development of the Caribbean.

Eligibility.

If shortlisted and invited to submit a tender,

Participation in tender procedures managed by the beneficiary(ies) is open on equal terms to all natural who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in grouping-consortium – of tenderers) effectively established in a Member State or a country, territory or region mentioned as eligible by the relevant regulations/basic act governing the eligibility rules for the grant as per **Annex A2a – PART II** to the practical guide.

Tenderers must state their nationality in their tenders and provide the usual proof of nationality under their national legislation.

The rule does not apply to the experts proposed under the service tenders financed by the grant.

11th EDF Please be aware that after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom depending on the outcome of negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force at the time of contract award, candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom could be rejected from the procurement procedure

Grounds for exclusion

If shortlisted and invited to submit a tender, tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1. of the practical guide.

Tenderers included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

Protection of personal data

Processing of personal data related to this procedure by the contracting authority takes place in accordance with the national legislation of the state of the contracting authority and with the provisions of the respective financing agreement.

The Request for Expression of Interest (REOI), the tender procedure and the contract relate to an external action funded by the EU, represented by the European Commission. If processing your reply to the invitation to tender involves transfer of personal data (such as names, contact details and CVs) to the European Commission, they will be processed solely for the purposes of the monitoring of the procurement procedure and of the implementation of the contract by the Commission, for the latter to comply with its obligations under the applicable legislative framework and under the financing agreement concluded between the EU and the Partner Country without prejudice to possible transmission to the bodies in charge of monitoring or inspection tasks in application of EU law. For the part of the data transferred by the contracting authority to the European Commission, the controller for the processing of personal data carried out within the Commission is

the head of legal affairs unit of DG International Cooperation and Development.

Details concerning processing of your personal data by the Commission are available on the privacy statement at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=A>

In cases where you are processing personal data in the context of participation to a tender (e.g. CVs of both key and technical experts) and/or implementation of a contract (e.g. replacement of experts) you shall accordingly inform the data subjects of the details of the processing and communicate the above mentioned privacy statement to them.

Objective of the contract:

The objective of this contract is as follows:

To gain a better understanding of the population's knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) associated with Zika and other MBDs in six (6) CMS, that could be used to (i) further inform CARPHA of facilitators and barriers to implementing a community-based Vector Borne Disease public education campaign, and (ii) inform policies and strategies to reduce the spread of Zika, ChikV and Dengue.

Geographical area to be covered

Six CARPHA Member States will participate in the KAP study. These may be selected from the list below:

- Jamaica
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname

SELECTION CRITERIA

For Legal and Natural Persons

- Has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as at least a Master's degree in a social sciences from a recognized university
- Minimum of three years' experience (more than 3 years will be taken into account) working with teams of professionals and with senior-level technical officers
- Minimum of three years' experience (more than 3 years will be taken into account) in conducting research projects

Specific Professional Experience:

- Minimum of three years of experience (more than 3 years will be taken into account) conducting mixed methods research projects

- Minimum of three years of conducting public health research which considers the cultural and political challenges faced by Caribbean territories (more than 3 years would be taken into account)
- Minimum of three years of data collection and analysis experience (more than 3 years will be taken into account)

BUDGET:

The maximum amount for this activity is EURO 120,000 (inclusive of incidentals)

IMPLEMENTATION

The indicative period of the contract is: June/July 2020 to Dec 2021/Jan 2022, a duration of **18 months**.

INVITATION

CARPHA invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants ***must provide*** information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (CV's, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, business profile, etc.). Suitably qualified consultants will be short-listed and invited to tender for the Project through a competitive procedure.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English by email to the address below by

Friday 21st February 2020 at 4.30 pm Atlantic Standard Time (AST) to:

E-mail: lalhash@CARPHA.ORG

Following the assessment of the submissions, a shortlist of not less than three, and not more than eight applicants will be provided with the terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. CARPHA reserves the right to reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest

Procurement Officer
Caribbean Public Health Agency
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Federation Park
St. Clair
PORT OF SPAIN
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EOI's must be submitted using the template below

Expression of Interest

CONSULTANCY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES (KAP) SURVEY ON ZIKA AND ITS COMPLICATIONS IN SIX (6) CARPHA MEMBER STATES

1 SUBMITTED by <i.e. the identity of the Candidate>

	Name(s) of legal entity or entities making this EOI	Nationality ²
Leader ³		
Member		
Etc...		

2 CONTACT PERSON (for this EOI)

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
e-mail	

3. Applicants are requested to describe how they fulfil the selection criteria listed in this call.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as at least a Master's degree in a social sciences from a recognized university	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum of three years' experience (more than 3 years will be taken into account) working with teams of professionals and with senior-level technical officers	
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² Country in which the legal entity is registered.

³ Add / delete additional lines for consortium members as appropriate. **Note** that a subcontractor is not considered to be a consortium member for the purposes of this EOI form. Subsequently, data on subcontractors must not appear in the data related to the economic, financial and professional capacity. If this EOI is submitted by an individual legal entity, the name of that legal entity should be entered as 'Leader' (and all other lines should be deleted). Any change in the identity of the Leader and/or any consortium members between the deadline for receipt of EOIs indicated in the REOI and the award of the contract is not permitted without the prior written consent of the CARPHA.

4 STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, the authorised signatory of the above Consultant (for consortiums, this includes all consortium members), hereby declare that we have examined the REOI referred to above. If our EOI is short-listed, we fully intend to submit a tender to provide the services requested in the tender documents.

We are fully aware that, for consortia, the composition of the consortium cannot be changed in the course of the tender procedure, unless CARPHA has given its prior approval in writing. We are also aware that the consortium members have joint and several liability towards CARPHA concerning participation in the above tender procedure and any contract awarded to us as a result of it.

Signed on behalf of the Consultant

Name	
Signature	
Date	