



TERMS OF REFERENCE TO ENLIST THE SERVICES OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP STATE SPECIFIC SCORE CARD TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NSPAN IN THREE FOCAL STATES (NASARAWA, NIGER AND KADUNA)

1. Purpose of Assignment:

This assignment seeks to harness from the knowledge and experience of a consultant competent in the field of research in developing a score card which will be used to assess the level of implementation of the NSPAN in the three focal states. This consultancy is expected to begin with a review of the 2015 score card tool as well as undertake consultations with relevant stakeholders to provide a robust assessment tool and report.

2. Rationale / Justification for Assignment:

The partnership for advocacy in child and family health (PACFaH) in Nigeria project is a social accountability investment implemented through the strategy of coalition building to achieve the goal of catalyzing government's responsiveness on policies, budgets and administration on the most daunting challenges to child and family health at national and state levels in Nigeria.

This has become imperative seeing that malnutrition is the largest contributor to non-communicable diseases in the world especially in the developing countries with physiological manifestation at an early age which could induce reduced physical and mental development during childhood. The importance of child malnutrition as an indicator for tracking the nutrition and health status of populations is well recognized. The link between malnutrition, morbidity, and child mortality makes undernutrition the underlying cause of over half of all child deaths, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, where an estimated 4.8 million children die before age 5 every year. The combined effects of child and maternal underweight or micronutrient deficiencies account for about 15% of the global burden of disease worldwide.

With over 11 million stunted children, Nigeria is confronted with daunting challenge of malnutrition and ranks second behind India with the highest number of stunting, with the associated risk of physical disabilities and poor learning outcomes. Nationally, the 2013 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) reported of 37% stunted, 29% underweight, and 18% wasted children under five (wasting increased from 14% in 2008 to 18%). Exclusive

breastfeeding rate is 17%. The recent study on malnutrition by CS-SUNN (2015) correlates with NDHS (2013) report, and confirms that rates of stunting in children 0 – 5 years in Kaduna are 57%; Nassarawa is 35%; and Niger is 34% respectively.

Malnutrition rates among children 0-36 months and women of reproductive age in Nigeria are high and vary across rural-urban locations, geopolitical regions, and agro-ecological zones, constituting a significant public health challenge.

There is in existence a five-year costed National Strategic Plan of Action on Nutrition (NSPAN) which is the Health sector component of the National Policy on Food and Nutrition in Nigeria (NPFN) The NSPAN which spans the period 2014 -2019, and which addresses both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions was adopted at the 57th National Council on Health (NCH) meeting held in October 2014, by representatives from the 36 states of the federation.

The document if implemented, will by 2019 reduce stunting by 20%, low birth weight by 15%, anemia among women of reproductive age by 50%, reduce and maintain childhood wasting by 15% and increase exclusive breast feeding in the first six months by 50%.

3. Scope of Assignment:

The consultant will review relevant documents and facilitate the process of the review of the 2015 state-specific score card at a one-day meeting in Abuja. The consultant will embark on a data collection process in the 3 states, analyze data, produce a report on the findings and also develop the 2016 score card.

4. Brief Background:

Civil Society Scaling-up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN) is a non-governmental, non-profit making coalition, made up of organizations with a passion to promote quality nutrition in Nigeria. The Coalition was formally launched on the 7th of August, 2014.

Our vision is to transform Nigeria into a country where every citizen is food and nutrition secured. We pursue this lofty goal by mobilizing Non-State Actors to advocate, generate evidence, build capacity and stimulate communities to scale up nutrition in Nigeria. Since inception the Coalition has been advocating for improved nutrition in Nigeria through holding government accountable and ensuring policy implementation by all stakeholders.

5. Specific Tasks:

The consultant will work closely with the CS-SUNN team to develop state level score cards for the three focal states (Kaduna, Nasarawa & Niger) and will take responsibility for the following SOW:

- Facilitate a one-day meeting to review the 2015 score card
- Collect data for the 2016 score card
- Analyze data
- Produce report on analysis
- Produce state specific score card

6. Key Deliverables & Expected Outputs:

- Score card
- Analysis Report

7. DURATION

Consultancy is expected to start by October 28, 2016. The score card review meeting is expected to hold on Friday, October 28, 2016. The Consultant should be able to assume duties by this date

A technical and financial proposal based on the Terms of Reference outlined above must be provided by the consultant no later than close of business on October 25, 2016. The proposal must include full Curriculum Vitae of the consultant.

Further information may be obtained from the Program Manager, CS-SUNN/ PACFaH, Mr. Sunday Okoronkwo at the CS-SUNN Secretariat.

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