

Request for Expression of Interest

Title	Training Packages for COVID-19 Response
Project Number	103533.049
Submit Proposal to	ProcurementVietnam@fhi360.org
Question Submissions	EpiC will entertain questions submitted to cuong@fhi360.org by 5pm on 20 October 2021. All questions will be compiled and sent to all organizations submitting questions by 5pm on 21 October 2021.
Date of Issue of EOI	14 October 2021
Date Proposal Due	28 October 2021
Approximate Date of Award	15 November 2021

Method of Submittal:

Respond via e-mail by 28 October 2021 (5PM Hanoi) with attached documents in MS Word or PDF format.

Background

FHI 360 is a non-profit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research and technology; creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries, all 50 U.S. states and all U.S. territories.

EpiC

Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) is a five-year global project funded by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In Vietnam, EpiC focuses on providing quality technical assistance to address challenges associated with trafficking in persons, HIV, and COVID-19. EpiC Vietnam is focusing its COVID-19 work on strengthening clinical care across various tiers of the health system via technical assistance and targeted procurements.

Through this Expression of Interest, EpiC is seeking a technical training partner (university, institute, or other formal organization with relevant experience) to develop and support implementation of training courses as part of its COVID-19 work.

Proposed Scope of Work

The objective of this assignment is to develop set of courses targeting clinicians, nurses, health station staff and other individuals within the health system to improve their response to COVID-19. Potential topics include:

- Introduction to infection prevention and control (IPC) in health care settings
- Management of an IPC program in healthcare settings
- The COVID-19 care pathway including patient triage, classification, and referral
- Diagnosis of COVID-19
- Chest imaging for COVID-19
- Indications and use of oxygen therapy
- Considerations in community-based care for COVID-19 patients
- Indications for antimicrobial use in COVID-19 patients

- Common co-infections with COVID-19
- Combatting burnout and overall mental health for human resources for health

The partner will support development of training content and may support implementation of these trainings (online or in-person) and post-course mentoring as appropriate. The elements of the scope will be refined with the partner during the contracting process.

EpiC is open to funding organizations to expand on their existing curriculum or trainings in these areas or to co-develop new trainings. EpiC and the selected partner will determine if courses will be developed for both online and in-person learning environments. Organizations that have specific expertise in some of these areas, but not all, are encouraged to apply and describe their capabilities in detail in their letter of interest.

Proposed Deliverables

This support will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Design of course syllabus in collaboration with EpiC
- Development or adaptation of training modules (from the list above) and tools/ that supplement training content and support long-term use of training concepts to align with global guidance, organizational best practices, and EpiC feedback
- Determination of appropriate modalities for delivering content
- Facilitation or co-facilitation of training modules
- Post-training mentoring (especially for clinical topics)

Qualifications

- Experience developing training curricula, facilitating training for in-service health workers at sub-national, district, and commune level
- Experience training health workers on COVID-19 clinical management and IPC
- Significant experience working with frontline workers on COVID-19
- Proven capacity and resources to assure timely and quality deliverables
- Proven working relationships with government authorities and provincial health departments to deliver training activities is an advantage
- Accreditation to provide continuing medical education credits highly desirable

Timetable and Address for Submission

This expression of interest is an initial stage in our planned procurement process. Submissions should be sent to ProcurementVietnam@fhi360.org by no later than 5 PM, 28 October 2021. EpiC will then work with the preliminarily selected organization to develop a more refined scope of work and final budget aligned with the skills, interests, and capacity of the selected organization.

Required Documentation

Submit the following materials directly to ProcurementVietnam@fhi360.org and please indicate in the subject line: **Training for COVID-19**

- Expression of Interest letter (no more than two pages)
 - Summary of relevant qualifications that demonstrate capacity to meet the deliverables and implement the proposed approach including areas of expertise that will benefit training development and execution
 - Existing intellectual property that may contribute to these deliverables
 - Explanation of previous efforts with similar scopes
- CVs of key contributors
- Business license
- Proof of accreditation to provide continuing medical education credits, if available