

## **TOR: National Consultant – Support One Health Partnership in establishing a Technical Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance**

### ***Detailed Description of Tasks to be Performed:***

Viet Nam One Health Partnership Framework for Zoonoses (OHP), covering the period from 2021 to 2025, was signed by three ministries (the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - MARD, the Ministry of Health - MOH), and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment - MONRE), together with 30 national and international signatories (updated OHP members). OHP is led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and co-chaired by MOH and MONRE.

Pursuant to the OHP Framework, different Technical Working Groups (TWG) on 7 main working areas are encouraged to be established for technical support, sharing experiences, knowledge, and outcomes of the completed and on-going OH related activities/programs/researches, then proposing solutions and policy recommendations to the OHP Steering Committee for adoption. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the 7 main and important working areas prioritized under OHPF that needs further collaboration, lessons learned from national and international levels, and resource mobilization for the improved capacity to address AMR under the context of Viet Nam.

One Health approach is being applied in Viet Nam to address AMR with multi-sectoral cooperation. The National Action Plan for combating AMR (for both human health and animal health), phase 2013-2020 was adopted in 2013). The National Steering Committee on AMR was established accordingly. Based on the achieved results, the difficulties and advantages when implementing the "National Action Plan on the Management of antibiotic use and Prevention of antibiotic resistance in livestock production and Aquaculture in the Period 2017-2020", the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development developed the National Plan to prevent antibiotic resistance in agriculture for the period of 2021-2025 to continue performing the task of preventing antibiotic resistance in the agriculture sector (Decision No 3609/QD-BNN-TY dated 21st March 2021). As of early 2023, the National Strategy for Combating Drug Resistance in Viet Nam, 2023-2030, with the vision to 2045 was drafted and submitted to Prime Minister for approval.

The Vietnam Fleming Fund Country Grant - Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance in Vietnam (FFP) addresses critical gaps in the surveillance of antimicrobial-resistant bacteria in Vietnam. This grant also supports the development and review of technical guidance and policies to improve AMR surveillance data in animal health subjects. With the target to enhance the capacity for surveillance and monitoring of AMR and AMU in human and animal health systems, the FFP expects to support the pilot phase to prepare for the proposed National AMR Surveillance Program. Therefore, FFP has committed to supporting active surveillance for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in bacteria carried by healthy chickens and pigs that may contribute to AMR in humans.

Under this scope of work, the National Consultant will perform administrative and coordinative works to conduct necessary studies to gather related information for drafting a TOR and have it commented on by related government agencies and partners, with the aim to eventually have the AMR TWG formally established by the current OHP Chair. The consultant will work closely with OHP Secretariat based at MARD as well as other relevant partners and sectors, if any, to make sure that the TWG will start operating in due course

***Deliverables/Milestones & Due Dates:***

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Estimated Maximum LOE (days)</b>	<b>Due date</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review relevant national legal documents regulating the functionality of a TWG, in relation to a TWG on AMR under OHP</li> <li>Conduct a desk study on the organization of TWGs on AMR which have been established by WHO, WOH, and other countries with the aim to come up with a suggestion for a model that fits the Vietnamese context</li> </ul>	ToRs of OH-AMR TWG	2	20 May 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist OHP to draft a Terms of Reference for a TWG on AMR which outline the background, objectives, participation and operational mechanism, and technical areas of work for the TWG</li> </ul>		5	30 May 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate and support OHP to consult relevant government agencies and international partners on the draft ToRs</li> </ul>	Report consolidating comments by agencies and partners	5	25 June 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist OHP to request relevant government agencies and partners to nominate representatives as members of the AMR TWG</li> </ul>	List of nominated members	1	30 June 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist OHP to implement required procedures to propose MARD leader, in the position of the current Chair of OHP, to formally issue a Decision on the establishment of the AMR TWG</li> </ul>	MARD Decision	2	30 July 2023
	<b>Total (days)</b>	<b>15</b>	



## **Location of work**

Hanoi

## **Travel**

The consultant is not required to travel.

## **Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in science, agriculture, health, environment or other relevant subjects and 8 years of experience in the animal health/agriculture sector, or a related area. Master's degree with 5 years of similar experience is considered equivalent.
- Demonstrated research and writing skills.
- Understanding of One Health approach with animal health/agriculture focus
- Strong experience and knowledge in conducting consultancy work in Agriculture/One Health areas
- Proven working relationship with partners in Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Viet Nam One Health Partnership Framework for Zoonoses (OHP).
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work well with all project staff, implementing agencies, government counterparts

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on the applicants' experience and qualifications as detailed above.

## **Required Documentation**

Proposals must include the following components:

- Applicant's CV and highest-level degree
- Letter of interest that briefs relevant qualification and experience
- Proposed daily rate
- FHI 360 [Biodata form](#)

## **Application**

- Application to this call should be submitted by email to [nthuy@fhi360.org](mailto:nthuy@fhi360.org) with a copy to [ptuan@fhi360.org](mailto:ptuan@fhi360.org) no later than **5PM May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023** with subject line "FF Application for National Consultant – Support One Health Partnership."

*Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.*



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