

Consultant - TDR's Research Capacity Strengthening activities - (TDR.2026.014)

Contractual Arrangement: External consultant

Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 11 months

Job Posting: 04/08/2026

Closing Date: 04/22/2026 23:59:00 PM (CET)

Primary Location: Anywhere

Organization: HQ/TDR Special Programme for TDR SCI

Schedule: Full-time

Purpose of consultancy:

The consultant will work on different components of the TDR Clinical Research Leadership, TDR's Implementation Research Leadership fellowship programme and TDR's Postgraduate Training programme.

Background:

Research Capacity Strengthening (RCS) activities are at the heart of the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases (TDR) strategy 2018–2023, which aims to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 and to support universal health coverage (UHC).

The TDR/RCS objectives refer to the capacity to produce evidence that directly informs public health practice and policy, as well as strengthens LMIC research capacity across implementation and clinical research, specifically aiming to build research leadership for the future to:

- strengthen capacity in LMICs to conduct interdisciplinary priority research by supporting individuals, institutions and networks; and
- promote institutional and individual leadership in health research through postgraduate training grants and clinical research career development fellowships.

This consultancy will contribute to the TDR/RCS objectives and is essential for an efficient delivery of the activities.

Deliverables:

Objective 1: To diligently review, edit and update the content of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) reports from eight universities in TDR postgraduate Training programme: (Bamako University, Mali; BRAC, Bangladesh; University of Antioquia, Colombia; University of Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal; Indian Institute of Health Management University, India; University of Ghana, Ghana; Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa).

Deliverable 1: A completed M&E dataset is delivered by 15 Oct 2026 and 15 Mar 2027.

Objective 2: To review, edit and update the draft M&E report for Clinical Research Leadership Fellowship cohort 1, 2 and 3.

Deliverable 2: A complete set of M&E for cohort 1, 2 and 3 is delivered by 15 May 2026.

Objective 3: In collaboration with TDR Postgraduate programme and Regional Training Centres to facilitate the faculty exchange programme and monthly Implementation Research (IR) lectures and IR MOOC for the faculty and students across the eight universities.

Deliverable 3: IR MOOC courses offered to the MPH students and faculty exchange programme initiated by 15 Nov 2026.

Objective 4: To review the applications for shortlisting and selection of the candidate for the TDR's Implementation Research leadership for Public Health Impact.

Deliverable 4: Review process completed by July 2026 and progress reports updated.

Objective 5: To plan in advance the review and preparation of all technical reports for the TDR Scientific Working Group meeting related to the Postgraduate Training, Leadership fellowships.

Deliverable 5: The reports are quality checked by Jan 2027.

Objective 6: Draft at least two manuscripts related to the area of work for journal submission

Deliverable 6: At least two manuscripts submitted to international open-access journal by December 2026.

Objective 7: Provide input to the section related to Clinical Research Leadership Fellowship and Postgraduate Training and Implementation Research leadership fellowship in the Annual Report for Research Capacity Strengthening (RCS).

Deliverable 7: The final reports are delivered by Jan 2027

Qualifications, experience, skills and languages:

Educational Qualifications:

Essential: Advanced university degree (Master's level or equivalent) in Public Health

Desirable: PhD in Health related fields

Experience:

Essential:

- At least 7 years experience in research trainings relevant to public health, with at least 2 years experience in project management.

Desirable:

- As part of an investigators team (for 3 years) having contributed to the conduct of a Good Clinical Trial Compliance clinical trial conduct.
- At least two health related publications as first author;

Skills/Knowledge:

Essential:

- Technical and health research skills:
 - Epidemiology
 - Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and health research ethics
 - Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
 - Scientific writing
 - Data analysis : R, SPSS, MS Excel
 - Presentation skills
- Communication and management skills:
 - Communication and organizational skills
 - Project management
 - Team work

Desirable:

- Complex statistical methods

Languages and level required:

Essential: Expert knowledge of English

Desirable: Intermediate knowledge of French

Location

Off site: Home-based

Travel

The consultant is not expected to travel

Remuneration:

Consultant pay band range: Pay Band level B – Pay Band range USD 7,000 – 9,980

Terms of payment: the payment will be on a monthly basis after provision of Technical Report and approval from Responsible Officer

Expected duration of contract

Target Start Date: May 1, 2026

Target end date: March 31, 2027

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Contact details

Please send us your updated [Stellis profile](#) and CV in PDF format, along with your cover letter to Daniel Hollies holliesd@who.int

Additional Information:

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