

## Consultants – Immunisation systematic review 3ie, New Delhi

## 1. Background

<u>The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)</u> promotes evidence-informed equitable, inclusive and sustainable development. We support the generation and effective use of high-quality evidence to inform decision-making and improve the lives of people living in poverty in low- and middle-income countries. We provide guidance and support to produce, synthesise and quality assure evidence of what works, for whom, how, why and at what cost. 3ie is registered as a non-governmental organisation in the United States. It has offices in New Delhi, London and Washington, DC.

3ie has commissioned evaluations to <u>understand the role of community-based approaches in</u> <u>expanding immunisation coverage</u> in countries with low vaccination rates. A <u>3ie scoping study</u> indicated that in 2013 an estimated 21.8 million infants globally were not covered under routine immunisation services, putting them at risk of death or preventable diseases. Given the low rates and the cost of last mile delivery, there is increasing thrust on the role that communities can play in planning and delivery of immunisation services.

We are currently seeking research consultants that will support ongoing evidence synthesis work on immunisation, managed by 3ie's evaluation office based in New Delhi.

# 2. Key responsibilities

The research consultants will report directly to the lead evaluation specialist and will be mainly responsible for a variety of tasks outlined below.

- Extract data on effect size from impact evaluation studies;
- Prepare tables containing information on the included studies;
- Support data analysis;
- Conduct a risk of bias appraisal for impact evaluations, under the guidance of the senior and lead evaluation specialist; and
- Attend meetings as needed on the project.

To support this work, the consultant(s) will be required to attend trainings, including on introduction to the synthesis methodologies and method of conducting risk of bias appraisal and extracting effect size data from primary impact evaluation studies. Project meetings and trainings may be held at odd hours and sometimes on the weekend. For example, for those residing in Indian time zone, the regular meetings will be in the evenings. The same will be true for timing of trainings.

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## 3. Qualifications and key competencies

- Graduate degree in Economics, Statistics, Public Policy, Public Administration or related field with an emphasis on empirical methods;
- Working knowledge of experimental and quasi-experimental impact evaluation techniques, statistics and/or econometrics methodologies;
- Familiarity with immunisation- and public health-related programmes and their evaluation is a plus;
- Excellent skills in communication, time management, teamwork and relationship management; and
- Interpersonal sensitivity and multicultural sensitivity.

# 4. Eligibility

3ie will recruit one or more individual consultants to perform the identified tasks. Applications from firms will not be accepted. 3ie is an equal-opportunity employer committed to equality and diversity. We do not discriminate based on sex, age, religion, ethnicity, caste, sexual orientation or for being differently-abled. We particularly encourage ethnic minorities and differently abled persons to apply.

# 5. Terms of employment

Candidates should be available to start work at the earliest. The contract will be for a period up to 120 days, with hours ranging from 20-40 each week. Priority will be given to applicants able to commit at least 25 hours per week. An hourly rate will be discussed between final candidates and 3ie.

Our policies and procedures reflect our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults from abuse. We follow a zero-tolerance policy for any form of bullying or harassment in the workplace.

## 6. How to apply

Please send cover letter and CV to Avantika Bagai (<u>abagai@3ieimpact.org</u>), copy to <u>jobs@3ieimpact.org</u>, with the subject line 'EO consultant-SR'. **Please submit applications no later than 14 August.** 

Incomplete applications, including applications without a cover letter, will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

We will review applications on a rolling basis and the position will remain open until filled.