

## **Terms of reference**

### **International Consultant: Epidemiologist**

Under the general supervision of the Chief, Emergency Operations Service (TCEO) and the technical supervision of the Chief, Animal Production and Health Division (AGAH); within the framework of the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD); and in close collaboration with the Sub Regional Manager (ECTAD) the International Consultant (Epidemiologist) will undertake project activities including:

- update and review the work plan to cover project activities;
- conduct trainings to evaluate the system for outbreak investigations and suggest measures for strengthening them;
- Conduct workshops and meetings to harmonize policies and operating procedures for managing risk of HPAI spread from cross-border movement among participating countries at concerned levels particularly from the perspective of biosecurity, risk intervention and safe trade
- Conduct workshop to develop/refine Standard operating procedures (SOPs) to support reduction of HPAI risks posed by cross-border activities particularly from the perspective of biosecurity, risk intervention and safe trade
- Provide training opportunities to national personnel at local levels in the selected movement corridors nominated by countries for management of HPAI emergencies in the selected movement corridors
- Conduct joint simulation exercises at the local level with the involvement of concerned sectors including human health sector
- ensure liaison with the participating governments and donors;
- oversight of contract arrangements for poultry value chain and risk mapping;
- set up a monitoring system, including performance indicators;
- monitor project activities, ensure adherence to the work plan timeframe and make recommendations for any required procedures and changes to the project;
- ensure proper project reporting;
- perform other duties/responsibilities related to project implementation.

**Reporting:** At the end of the mission, the consultant will prepare a report, describing in detail each point listed in the Terms of Reference. This report will contain a complete review of activities undertaken, major results obtained, problems encountered, and progress towards achieving the specific objectives of the project. A section on recommendations and lessons learned, presenting guiding principles for future interventions, will be included. The report should be submitted to ECTAD no later than two weeks after completion of the mission.

**Qualifications:** Veterinarian with post graduate degree in a relevant field from a recognised university with at least 10 years of proven experience in the management of transboundary animal diseases control programmes comprising both field and laboratory experience. Proven managerial and coordination skills including project identification and design. Experience acquired with control programmes for avian influenza is highly desirable. Ability to prioritize tasks, work without direct supervision and promptly deal with urgent problems as they arise. Working experience with international agencies is desirable. Fluency in English (level C) is required.

**Duration of the assignment:** Two months

**Duty Station:** Kathmandu, with travel to project countries as required.