

CALLING APPLICATIONS FOR A NATIONAL CONSULTANT

PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – TB PROGRAMME REVIEW

Mid-Term Review of the National Tuberculosis Programme – 2026

1. Background

Sri Lanka is implementing the National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Control to accelerate progress towards national and End TB targets. The National Programme for Tuberculosis Control and Chest Diseases (NPTCCD) will conduct a Mid-Term Review (MTR) to independently assess programme implementation and performance, identify achievements, implementation gaps and operational bottlenecks, and develop prioritized recommendations for the remaining implementation period.

The review will focus primarily on programme implementation, service delivery and health-system performance. It will be undertaken by a multidisciplinary review team comprising international and national technical experts. NPTCCD therefore seeks a National Consultant in Public Health to work closely with the international TB Programme Review Lead and the national review team during the desk review, in-country mission, synthesis of findings and preparation of the Mid-Term Review report.

2. Purpose of the Consultancy

To provide national public-health and TB programme expertise to support the international TB Programme Review Lead in assessing implementation and performance of the National Tuberculosis Programme and to play a major role in synthesis, drafting and finalization of the Mid-Term Review report and its prioritized recommendations.

3. Scope of Work / Key Responsibilities

- Assisting the team lead to conduct a desk review of the National Strategic Plan, previous programme-review recommendations, programme reports, policies, guidelines, monitoring information and other documents relevant to the MTR.
- Support the international TB Programme Review Lead and NPTCCD in refining the review framework, field-assessment tools, key questions and field-visit plan.
- Participate throughout the in-country mission, including visits to selected District Chest Clinics, hospitals, primary-care facilities, laboratories and community/service-delivery settings.
- Assess progress in implementation of the National Strategic Plan, including major programme achievements, implementation gaps, operational bottlenecks and follow-up of recommendations from previous reviews.
- Contribute to the programmatic review of TB case finding and diagnosis; treatment and patient-centred care; TB preventive treatment and childhood/adolescent TB; health-system integration and service delivery; private-sector, community and stakeholder engagement.
- Assess programme governance and management, including leadership, planning, coordination, human resources, financing, sustainability, transition planning and programme resilience.
- Support to conduct and support key informant interviews, focus group discussions, direct observation and stakeholder consultations during the review.
- Work with other members of the multidisciplinary review team to synthesize findings across technical areas and identify cross-cutting programme and health-system issues.

- Assist the international Programme Review Lead in preparing the end-of-mission debriefing and presenting key findings and recommendations to NPTCCD, Ministry of Health and relevant stakeholders.
- Take a major role in drafting, compiling and editing the Mid-Term Review report, ensuring that findings are evidence-based, internally consistent and clearly linked to recommendations.
- Support the development of prioritized, feasible and time-bound recommendations, with responsible agencies and proposed timelines, based on the findings of the review.

4. Expected Deliverables

- Contribution to the inception briefing, including key findings from the desk review and priority areas for field assessment.
- Completed field-assessment inputs, interview/consultation notes and consolidated programmatic findings from the in-country mission.
- Contribution to the end-of-mission debriefing and presentation of preliminary findings and recommendations.
- Drafted and/or consolidated sections of the Mid-Term Review report, including programmatic findings and cross-cutting issues.
- Substantial support to preparation of the complete Draft MTR Report.
- Revised inputs and support to finalization of the Final MTR Report following stakeholder and technical feedback.

5. Duration and Working Arrangement

The consultancy will be undertaken in accordance with the MTR schedule (05.10.2026 -01.11.2026) and will include: (i) desk review stage (5-11 Oct); (ii) participation in the in-country mission and field visits (12-18 Oct); and (iii) synthesis, report writing and validation/finalization (19 Oct – 8 Nov). The consultant will work under the overall coordination of the Director, NPTCCD, and in close collaboration with the international TB Programme Review Lead, NPTCCD technical officers and other members of the multidisciplinary review team.

6. Essential Qualifications and Experience

- Medical degree from a recognized university.
- Board certification/specialist qualification in Community Medicine or an equivalent postgraduate specialist qualification in Public Health.
- At least eight (8) years of relevant professional experience in public health following postgraduate specialist training/qualification, or equivalent relevant experience acceptable to NPTCCD.
- Substantial experience in tuberculosis control and/or communicable-disease programme implementation, preferably including experience with the National TB Programme at national and/or district level.
- Demonstrated experience in programme reviews, evaluations, assessments, strategic planning or similar technical assignments.
- Demonstrated understanding of TB programme implementation, service delivery and health-system issues.
- Strong analytical, synthesis and technical report-writing skills in English.
- Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team and with national and international experts and stakeholders.

- Good computer literacy, including use of standard word-processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications.

7. Desirable Experience

- Previous experience in national or international TB programme reviews or evaluations.
- Technical contribution to TB/public-health strategic plans, guidelines, manuals, training materials, operational research or policy development.
- Experience working with government health services, development partners, civil society/community organizations or other stakeholders relevant to TB control.
- Relevant scientific publications or substantial technical reports in TB, communicable diseases or public health.

8. Evaluation Criteria

No.	Criterion	Assessment considerations	Maximum marks
1.	Relevant professional public-health experience from Board certification	Experience beyond the minimum requirement; relevance and seniority of assignments	10
2.	Experience in TB control/National TB Programme at national and/or district level	Depth and duration of TB programme experience	20
3.	Experience in programme reviews, evaluations or major programme assessments	Priority given to TB/communicable-disease and national-level reviews	20
4.	Technical contribution to TB/public-health programmes	Strategic plans, guidelines, manuals, training materials, policy/technical working groups or similar contributions	15
5.	Understanding/experience of health-system and programme implementation issues	Governance, service delivery, integration, HR, supervision, community/private-sector engagement, sustainability or related areas	10
6.	Analytical, synthesis and technical report-writing experience (previous technical assistance)	Quality and relevance of substantial technical reports/review reports authored or substantially contributed to	15
7.	Research/publications relevant to TB, communicable diseases or public health	Relevant peer-reviewed publications and/or operational research	5
8.	Computer literacy and ability to work with programme data and prepare professional reports/presentations	Demonstrated competence with standard applications and programme information	5
TOTAL			100

Eligibility and technical threshold: Applicants should satisfy the essential eligibility requirements before proceeding to technical scoring. A minimum technical score of 70/100 is recommended for consideration for appointment, subject to the applicable NPTCCD/Global Fund procurement and recruitment procedures.

9. Documents to be submitted

- Cover letter expressing interest in the consultancy.
- Detailed curriculum vitae.
- List of relevant programme reviews, evaluations and major technical assignments undertaken, indicating the applicant's role.
- List of relevant publications, technical guidelines/manuals or other major technical contributions, where applicable.

10. Application Procedure

Eligible specialists are invited to submit the above documents to the Director, National Programme for Tuberculosis Control and Chest Diseases (NPTCCD), Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka **on or before 25th of September 2026** via email, nptccddirector@gmail.com. to Director NPTCCD.



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