

## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP VIRAL HEPATITIS B AND C GUIDELINES

Title: Consultant for Developing Viral Hepatitis B and C Guidelines

Duration: Three months

Deadline for Receipt of Expressions: 19 December 2024

### Background

The Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC) in Zimbabwe is seeking a qualified consultant to develop comprehensive guidelines for the prevention, testing, treatment, and care of Viral Hepatitis B and C. This initiative is part of Zimbabwe's commitment to eliminating Hepatitis B and C as public health threats by 2030, in line with the Global Health Sector Strategy on Viral Hepatitis.

### Objectives

The primary objective of this consultancy is to create evidence-based guidelines that will serve as a reference for healthcare professionals and policymakers.

The guidelines will also focus on:

- Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT) of Hepatitis B
- Prevention and control strategies for Hepatitis B and C
- Screening and testing algorithms for Hepatitis B and C
- Treatment options for Hepatitis
- Management of co-infections and complications
- Follow-up care and long-term monitoring
- Monitoring, evaluation, and surveillance for Hepatitis B and C

### Duties and Responsibilities

#### Scope of Work

The consultant will:

1. Develop an inception report and present it to the Viral Hepatitis Technical Working Group (TWG).
2. Conduct a comprehensive literature review and stakeholder engagement.
3. Develop fieldwork tools and conduct fieldwork with MOHCC staff.
4. Engage with a broad range of stakeholders, including healthcare providers, policymakers, and community representatives.
5. Develop practical, evidence-based Hepatitis guidelines tailored to Zimbabwe's context.
6. Recommend strategies for monitoring and evaluation.
7. Finalize the Hepatitis guidelines for publication and dissemination.

### Deliverables

1. Inception report with methodology and work plan for development of Hepatitis guidelines.
2. Comprehensive report from literature review and stakeholder engagement.
3. Draft guidelines for Hepatitis B and C management.
4. Final guidelines ready for endorsement by MOHCC.
5. Monitoring and evaluation framework.
6. Hepatitis B and C Training materials for healthcare workers.

### Qualifications and Experience

#### Qualifications

- Advanced degree (Masters/Doctorate) in medicine, public health, or a related field.

- Minimum of ten (10) years of experience in public health or infectious disease management, with a focus on viral hepatitis B and C
- In-depth knowledge of viral hepatitis B and C, including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management strategies.
- Proven experience in developing clinical guidelines or protocols, especially in resource-limited settings.
- Familiarity with current research, best practices, and international guidelines related to viral hepatitis.
- Experience working with healthcare providers, policymakers, and stakeholders in the field of infectious diseases.
- International experience especially in areas where hepatitis is endemic and/or of public health concern is a definite advantage.
- Excellent analytical, writing, and communication skills.

#### How to Apply

#### Application Process

Applicants should submit their CV, cover letter, fee structure and a proposal outlining their approach to the consultancy to [hbvconsultant@zimttech.org](mailto:hbvconsultant@zimttech.org) by close of business on 20 December 2024.

Join us in the fight against viral hepatitis and help improve health outcomes in Zimbabwe!