

INTERNATIONAL PAHO CONSULTANT
TERMS OF REFERENCE
Consultant, Health Emergencies
P4 Level

Objectives of the Department

The objective of the Health Emergencies Department (PHE) of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) is to increase health sector resilience to emergencies and disasters. PHE assists Member States to strengthen the health sector's capacities in prevention, risk reduction, preparedness, surveillance, response, and early recovery for emergencies and disasters related to any hazards (natural, man-made, biological, chemical, radiological and others) and, when national capacities are overwhelmed, to lead and coordinate the international health response to contain disasters, including outbreaks, and to provide effective relief and recovery to affected populations. PHE is responsible for ensuring the implementation and updating of the PAHO/WHO Institutional Emergency and Disaster Response Policy.

Responsibilities:

Under the general guidance of the Sub-Regional Advisor, Health Emergencies, the consultant is responsible for, but not necessarily limited to, the following assigned duties:

- a) Provide technical support for the establishment and/or strengthening of the national disaster prevention and preparedness program in the health sector of Jamaica, Cayman Islands, and Bermuda to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, and respond to national emergencies and disasters, be they natural, technological, biological, chemical, radiological, or resulting from social conflicts;
- b) Support, in the context of the International Health Regulations (IHR), the prevention, early detection, verification, risk assessment and investigation of epidemic prone infectious hazards and the analysis and dissemination of data related to the occurrence of outbreaks in close collaboration with relevant teams at sub-regional and regional levels;
- c) Assist national authorities with policies, norms, standards and guidelines to support the development of critical core capacities for global health security, including training and support to national authorities to develop critical core capacities;
- d) Support the preparation and dissemination of technical material and other information to promote public awareness and positive action on disaster issues;
- e) Provide technical support for the rapid assessment of health-related needs and the coordination of an appropriate international health response in the case of disasters in the Caribbean; assist the UN System agencies in providing the health expertise and information required, in particular to the UN Disaster Assessment Coordination Team (UNDAC), ECLAC and other evaluation teams;
- f) Liaise with Ministry of Health Jamaica and assist with the organization of country activities related to the Smart Hospitals Project in country;
- g) Work with the Technical Consultant and Check Consultants of the Smart Hospitals Project and the Ministry of Health in Jamaica to ensure that retrofitting works on the selected health facilities are carried out in accordance with the scope of works and agreed project timeframes;

- h) Support the documentation of the Smart Hospitals Project's progress at the national level and the implementation of monitoring system that will allow for transparency, accountability and reporting;
- i) Assist with the implementation of the sub-regional Canada funded project *Strengthening Health Sector Resilience to Disasters in The Caribbean*;
- j) Promote partnerships with national and sub-regional entities such as CARICOM, CDEMA, CARPHA, ISDR, ACS, donors and others, toward the strengthening of the resilience of the health sector
- k) Perform other related duties, as assigned.

Education requirements (Qualifications)

Essential: A university degree in a health, social, or environmental science and a master's degree in a health science, public health, or in a discipline related to emergency and disaster management from a recognized institution.

Desirable: A degree in medicine or specialized training in emergency and outbreak management or specific training in humanitarian response, disaster preparedness, or risk reduction would be an asset.

Experience requirements

Essential: A degree in medicine or specialized training in emergency and outbreak management or specific training in humanitarian response, disaster preparedness, or risk reduction would be an asset.

Desirable: Experience in the UN System with knowledge of inter-agency mechanisms in the area of national and international preparedness for and response to health emergencies would be an asset. Field experience in public health programs or emergency management programs in developing countries, including coordination of large scale public health projects, would be an asset

Expected contract duration

12 Months: 01-Sep-2018 to 31-Aug-2019

Applications should be sent by 17 August 2018 to fernandviv@paho.org.