



WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
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Job Title: Knowledge Management Consultant within the Lassa Fever Coalition

Level of Position or Services: National and Regional

Nature of Consultation: Services

Type of contract: Individual consultation

Type of assignment: Home-based. The recruited Consultant will work from home with frequent visits to the headquarters of the West African Health Organization and other partner organizations of the Lassa Fever Coalition.

Duration of the assignment: One year

Estimated start date of the assignment: Immediately

Project Background

Lassa fever remains a public health threat in West Africa, causing recurrent outbreaks with high morbidity and mortality. The disease is endemic in several countries, including Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, and Benin, with an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 infections annually and a case fatality rate of up to 15% in severe cases. The absence of a licensed vaccine has contributed to the persistence of Lassa fever outbreaks, making vaccine research, development, and deployment a top priority for regional and global health stakeholders.

To accelerate the development of and access to the Lassa fever vaccine, the West African Health Organization, with the support of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), has launched the Lassa Fever Vaccine Coalition, a multi-stakeholder initiative to advance vaccine R&D efforts to ensure the development of a safe and effective vaccine to strengthen regulatory and policy frameworks to facilitate vaccine approval and deployment, and to improve regional coordination and country preparedness for vaccine introduction.

The West African Health Organization (WAHO) serves as the coalition secretariat, providing leadership and coordination among governments, regulatory agencies, public health institutions, and vaccine development partners. To ensure that WAHO is equipped to support vaccine readiness, a consortium led by Corona Management Systems (CMS) in partnership with Bloom Public Health and Nigeria Health Watch to provide technical assistance, advocacy, knowledge generation, and capacity-building support to WAHO and its member states.

This technical partnership aims to support to address key barriers that impede Lassa fever vaccine development and deployment, including regulatory bottlenecks that delay vaccine approval and market entry, vaccine hesitancy and low-risk perception among affected communities, operational challenges related to vaccine trial implementation and roll-out, and limited evidence on financing strategies for sustainable vaccine introduction.

Given the complexity of vaccine development, political commitment and regional coordination, it is essential to have a robust knowledge management system in place to systematically capture, store and disseminate evidence, lessons learned and good practices. The consortium plans to hire a knowledge management specialist as a consultant. This consultant will be responsible for developing and implementing a structured knowledge



management strategy to strengthen evidence-based policymaking, stakeholder engagement and learning within the Lassa Fever Vaccine Coalition. He or she will play a key role in ensuring that WAHO and its partners have timely knowledge relevant to advance vaccine preparedness efforts.

Some specific responsibilities will include:

1. Knowledge Capture & Organisation

- Develop frameworks and processes for collecting and organising knowledge from project activities, including research, stakeholder engagements, and capacity-building initiatives.
- Design and manage digital repositories for storing key documents, reports, and data generated by the coalition.

2. Knowledge Sharing & Dissemination

- Facilitate the flow of information and insights across consortium members, WAHO, and country stakeholders.
- Develop tools such as briefs, infographics, and case studies to share findings and lessons learned.
- Support and organise knowledge-sharing events, including webinars, workshops, and learning sessions, to promote cross-country collaboration and best practices.

3. Learning Agenda Development

- Support the development and implementation of a regional research and learning agenda for Lassa vaccine development and introduction.
- Coordinate efforts to evaluate and integrate gender-specific and equity-focused findings into knowledge outputs.

4. Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Support

- Collaborate with the M&E team to track the impact of knowledge-sharing activities and identify areas for improvement.
- Ensure knowledge products align with project goals and stakeholder needs

Consultant Qualifications & Experience

Required Expertise

- Advanced degree in Public Health, Knowledge Management, Social Sciences, or a related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in knowledge management, public health research, or technical writing.
- Proven experience in developing knowledge products and managing digital repositories.
- Strong analytical and writing skills, with experience in creating policy briefs and reports.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, data visualisation tools, and knowledge-sharing platforms.

Desirable Skills

- Experience working with WAHO, CEPI, WHO, or similar global health organisations.



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- Familiarity with regional health policies and vaccine development frameworks.
- Ability to engage high-level stakeholders and facilitate learning events.

Duration & Payment Structure

- Consultancy Duration: One year (subject to periodic review).
- Payment Terms: Payments will be milestone-based and aligned with approved deliverables.
- Contract Type: Fixed-term consultancy contract

Reporting Line

The Knowledge Management Specialist will report to the Lassa Fever Project Manager and collaborate closely with consortium partners, country managers, and WAHO representatives.

How to apply

Qualified candidates should submit their CV, cover letter, and one writing sample, all sent by email to hr@coronams.com using the position "*Knowledge Management Specialist*" as the subject of the email