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## ASSESSMENT OF CARDIO-MENTABOLIC DISEASES INVESTMENT IN TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

### General Information

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Consultancy – Cardiometabolic Diseases Investment Assessment</b>
<b>Work Description:</b>	Assess public and faith-based medical training institutions to establish the level of prioritisation and investment of cardiometabolic diseases and develop advocacy policy brief(s).
<b>Project Title:</b>	Partnership for Education of Health Professionals (PEP): - <i>Strengthening advocacy for cardiometabolic diseases (CMD) education at pre-service level in Kenya</i>
<b>Category:</b>	Advocacy
<b>Type of contract:</b>	Special Service Contract
<b>Expected starting date:</b>	Immediately
<b>Duration:</b>	<del>20</del> working days <del>20</del> working days

### 1.0. BACKGROUND

The Non-Communicable Disease Alliance of Kenya (NCDAK) is a not-for-profit organization that brings together synergistic relationships of multi-sectoral stakeholders to facilitate active promotional and advocacy activities for prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and the provision of quality NCD care services.

NCDAK responds to the global call of action for the prevention and control of NCDs including cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, cancers and chronic lung diseases, sickle cell, epilepsy, mental health. These diseases are propagated by common risk factors such as unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol and exposure to environmental toxins.

Globally, CMDs are the number-one cause of death (de Waard et al., 2019) and their prevalence is predicted to increase, especially in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) where 77% of all NCD deaths occur (World Health Organization (WHO), 2023). If the current pace continues, NCDs are projected to become the leading cause of premature mortality in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030 (Bigna & Noubiap, 2019) of which cardiometabolic diseases (CMDs) constitute a significant burden. The emerging burden of CMDs is also observed in Kenya where NCDs account for 41 % of mortality and rising (WHO, 2022a). This epidemiological transition happens at a post Covid-19 time where the local health systems are ill-prepared to respond adequately to new health demands and public health systems are failing to slow increase in risk factors especially due to low level of skilled professional health workforce in the rural areas (IHME, 2020. See also Thakkar et al, 2022; Ortiz et al, 2022; Ministry of Health (MOH), 2019). Noting that NCDs account for 50% of hospital admissions in Kenya and increase the household poverty burden by 28% especially through out-of-pocket expenditure towards treatment and care (The Stepwise survey (2015)), inaction leaves people living in vulnerable positions disproportionately affected by barriers in access to CMD prevention and care including quality health professionals.

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In meeting the PEP program objectives, NCD Alliance Kenya seeking services of a consultant to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the public and faith-based medical training institutions to establish the level of prioritisation and financing on the cardiometabolic diseases against which the influence of advocacy efforts will be measured. The activity will involve an in-depth review of the institutions' planning and budgeting documents with special focus ~~to on~~ allocation for CMDs and subsequently develop a policy brief. This process will provide baseline indications that will be used to monitor changes realized because of advocacy efforts within these institutions.

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## 2.0. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

NCD Alliance Kenya seeks the services of consultant/s to establish the level of cardiometabolic diseases prioritization and financing in public and private medical diploma training institutions in Kenya. The process will involve analysing the planning documents such as strategic plans, annual work plans, departmental plans and budgets with a special focus on examining the CMDs' prioritization, and resource allocation and formulate a concise report with clear recommendations in form of policy brief.

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## 3.0. GENERAL SCOPE OF THE WORK

In this assignment, it is important that the consultant uses desk review and select key informant interviews with stakeholders within public and faith-based medical diploma training institutions. This assignment will entail the following tasks:

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a) Review of the strategic plans, annual work plans, curriculum, departmental plans ~~and~~ budgets ~~and~~ relevant reports to underscore the CMDs prioritization and resource allocation.

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b) Conduct selects key informant interviews.

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c) Develop a succinct and factual report detailing the current prioritisation and budget ~~financing~~ status for CMDs and recommendation in form of a policy brief.

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## 4.0. DELIVERABLES

• Draft and final reports detailing CMD prioritization and budget assessment report.

• Policy brief with factual and concise recommendations.

• The policy brief will provide recommendations for advancing cardiometabolic disease prioritisation and financing in the public and faith-based institutions (both word and PDF format).

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## 5.0. SUPERVISION

The consultant will report to the Executive Director but work closely with the Program Manager, and the Programs team who will be their contact persons within the organization.

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## 6.0. DURATION OF THE WORK

The assignment is estimated to commence immediately and be completed within twenty (20) working days.

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## 7.0. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT/S

- Relevant post graduate degree or equivalent in development studies, public health, health economics or epidemiology
- Minimum of 7 years of relevant experience ~~at in~~ Program management, baseline surveys, evaluations, budgeting, public expenditure management and research.

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- Experience working in the health sectors especially around policy and budget analysis.
- Experience working in ~~Non-communicable~~ non-communicable diseases areas
- Possess the following skills and competencies:
  - Ability to work with minimal supervision
  - Possesses ~~high~~ High level written and oral communications skills in English
  - ~~Must be r~~ Result-oriented, a team player, exhibiting high levels of enthusiasm, tact, diplomacy, and integrity
  - Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and professional skills in interacting with government and development partners

The Consultant will be required to have regular consultations with NCD Alliance Kenya team whenever possible. The Consultant will be expected to work within his own office premises and shall cover own travel and internet expenses.

#### 8.0. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Interested and qualified consultants are invited to submit a technical and financial proposal that includes the following:

- a) 1. Curriculum Vitae of the consultant detailing the reference list indicating the scope and magnitude of similar assignments, qualifications, registration, and other relevant statutory documents.
- b) 2. Financial bid indicating the amount in Kenya Shillings to undertake the task.
- c) 3. The application will be submitted to [careers@ncdak.org](mailto:careers@ncdak.org) not later than ~~18<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020~~ 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 5.00pm

#### Disclaimer:

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