

## HEALTH ECONOMIST CONSULTANT WITH IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON,



**Location:** Delhi, India

**Duration of contract:** one year in the first instance

**Fees:** competitive based on experience

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The consultant will be contracted by Imperial College London as part of an ongoing programme of work through the activities of the International Decision Support Initiative (iDSI).

### **Background**

#### Imperial College London - The Global Health and Development Group (GHD)

Imperial College London is a science-based university with an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, and is consistently rated amongst the world's best universities. The Global Health and Development Group, based at Imperial College London, (GHD) leads the international Decision Support Initiative (iDSI). iDSI is a global reservoir of health, policy and economics expertise. We support countries and governments to make better decisions about how much public money to spend on healthcare and how to get the most from every dollar they spend. The initiative draws on the vast experience and track record of the British National Health Service alongside world-renowned universities, think tanks, health economists and experts. It brings together Core Partners: GHD at Imperial College London; Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), Thailand; the Center for Global Development (CGD), USA; and Priority Cost Effective Lessons for Systems Strengthening South Africa (PRICELESS SA) at the Wits University. Our network also includes centres of expertise in China and India, and policy and academic delivery partners across the world, making iDSI uniquely placed to forge valuable regional and global partnerships.

iDSI helps countries balance trade-offs and tackle specific health challenges, which in turn strengthen whole healthcare systems. We put countries in the lead, ask the right questions, commission research and convene expertise. Our responsive, context-specific technical assistance guides a country-led process of priority setting, contextualising clinical guidelines, placing decisions within legal frameworks, and building institutions to create the capacity for better healthcare policy decision-making.

iDSI receives funding from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Department for International Development, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

#### *IDSi in India*

IDSi partners have worked in India since 2009 with both the State and Central government partners. In line with its 12<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan for Health the Government of India, via the Department of Health Research (DHR), is now setting up a body (HTAI) to improve

resource allocation decisions and strengthen the Indian healthcare system through Health Technology Assessment (HTA). iDSI have a program of work to provide technical assistance in building capacity for the institutionalisation of HTA in India.



## **Scope of work**

The Health economist consultant would play a critical role in iDSI's capacity building strategy by providing on-the-ground technical assistance through teaching and training, organising and contributing to meetings, workshops and conferences, and providing strategic guidance and technical advice to local academic and policy collaborators. The consultant will be a highly competent and motivated self-starter who is able to work independently.

The consultant will be required to:

- Provide direct technical assistance to local partners to support all phases of the HTA programme of work agreed with iDSI, with focus on health economics
- Develop and deliver teaching and training programs related to health economics
- Work closely with the iDSI advisor to support specific aspects of the iDSI HTA programme of work in India related to health economics
- Help raise awareness of HTA in India, and the work of iDSI and Imperial College London towards building capacity for HTA, to local and global partners in India and internationally

## **Key deliverables expected from Consultant**

- Delivering HTA and health economics training workshops, seminars, and other capacity-building activities for local partners in India.
- Providing ongoing technical advice and support in relation to HTA to local technical staff and collaborators
- Produce manuscripts for publication, drawing on iDSI's work in India in building technical capacity and methodological expertise in Health Technology Assessment
- Supporting the Associate Director, Adviser, and iDSI team members in developing and maintaining effective working relationships with a very diverse range of parties in India involved in projects with iDSI, including government staff and academic institutional partners, as well as GHD team members, national and international consultants, and global funders.

## **Consultant Profile**

- Educated to Masters or Doctorate level in health economics
- Experiencing of developing and critically appraising economic models relating to Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
- Experience of teaching and training in health economics, including preparation of teaching materials
- Proven experience of communicating complex information (health economics) to multidisciplinary audiences

- A strong understanding of the social, political, economic and technical context within which National and State health insurance and benefits packages operate within India
- Experience of working in India is highly desirable
- Must be available for domestic travel (up to once per month).

