

Health Sector Engagement: Clean Air Catalyst Nairobi Pilot

Background

About Vital Strategies

Vital Strategies is a global health organization that believes every person should be protected by a strong public health system. We work with governments and civil society in 73 countries to design and implement evidence-based strategies that tackle their most pressing public health problems. Our goal is to see governments adopt promising interventions at scale as rapidly as possible.

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Our experts provide technical and professional guidance to partners and government agencies. We speak out, through press releases, publications, social media, and participation in convenings and conferences against the practices of tobacco and the sugary drinks industries. Vital Strategies does not accept gifts or funds from industries related to tobacco, sugary drinks and alcoholic drinks. We actively seek to engage with stakeholders who share our values and seeks to work with partners who endorse and encourage the highest ethical work practices and standards.

The Consultancy

Vital Strategies is leading health-sector engagement efforts within a USAID-funded program “[Clean Air Catalyst](#)”, which is implemented by a global consortium that includes World Resources Institute, Environmental Defense Fund, Clean Air Toolbox for Cities (Columbia University), Climate and Clean Air Coalition, Internews Network, MAP-AQ, OpenAQ, and Vital Strategies.

We are working with local partners in three pilot regions – Jakarta, Indonesia; Indore, India; and Nairobi, Kenya to advance climate, gender, and health development objectives. We are seeking a local independent consultant in Nairobi to increase the health sector’s involvement in clean air action and ensure that health is actively mainstreamed and implemented throughout CAC activities in Nairobi.

The independent consultant will lead pilot city efforts to engage the public health sector in clean air action in Nairobi, including 1) identifying important gaps, perceptions, and misinformation of air pollution health impacts, sources, and solutions among health workers and the public 2) strengthening public health data systems and data use to inform policies and investments, and 3) mainstreaming air quality into ongoing public health efforts to address child survival and non-communicable disease.

Deliverables

The consultant will be responsible for the following deliverables:

1. Ensure local source awareness activities are informed by considerations of health, including exposures, resulting health impacts, and particularly vulnerable communities
2. Prepare local health-sector mapping to identify priority health stakeholders and champions, including clinical, government, and health research communities
3. Conduct a health impact assessment readiness assessment focused on the availability and completeness of existing administrative data necessary for impact analysis.
4. Develop and deliver health-oriented content for science meetings, workshops, and journalist trainings as needed
5. Engage and activate health-sector-specific stakeholders and policy stakeholders for clean air action, including information sharing, patient education and policy advocacy
6. Communicate latest health evidence and guidelines to facilitate development and implementation of health-based standards and actions intentionally designed to promote measurable health benefits
7. Provide and / or facilitate technical assistance needed to increase capacity to collect and use routinely collected data to inform and measure health progress on clean air action

Assignment

This is expected to be a full-time consultant position not to exceed 12 months, with possibility of renewal for a total period of 36 months. The consultant must be based in Nairobi, with the ability to meet with local partners in person regularly, while maintaining flexible working hours to connect as needed with the broader global team.

Qualifications

Independent consultant background must include:

1. University or graduate degree in environmental health sciences, epidemiology, public health, or relevant field of study or equivalent experience/education
2. Strong foundational understanding of public health principles
3. Excellent interpersonal skills, including ability to communicate effectively to technical and non-technical audiences, develop partnerships, and contribute to interdisciplinary team
4. Ability to work flexibly with colleagues across time zones
5. Strong quantitative skills to understand and evaluate data sources for their completeness, validity, and utility
6. Outstanding organizational skills and ability to successfully manage competing priorities and meet deadlines.
7. Demonstrated ability to take initiative, work independently, and make sound, informed decisions
8. Solid knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook).

9. Current residency and work authorization in (insert pilot city name here).

Preferred qualifications:

Demonstrated interest and at least five years of experience in environmental health sciences, epidemiology, policy, and/or program implementation.

1. Prior experience working in collaboration with governmental health or environmental ministries.

Application

Submit a CV and cover letter including your local rate to smehta@vitalstrategies.org.
Proposals must be submitted in PDF format to Sumi Mehta by no later than **August 19, 2022 at 5.00 PM EAT** using the following naming convention:
surname_name_cover letter for the cover letter
surname_name_CV for the CV