

Tobacco Control Technical Consultant - Türkiye (based in Ankara or Istanbul, Türkiye)

Vital Strategies is a US-based international public health organization working in 73 countries to address important and challenging health issues. We develop and oversee programs in low and middle-income countries to strengthen public health systems and address leading causes of morbidity and mortality, providing expertise in project implementation and management, strategic communications, epidemiology and surveillance, and other core public health capacities.

Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use is a six-year global health initiative that aims to reduce the global demand for tobacco through a comprehensive, proven approach that combines policy change with increased public awareness. The tobacco control work at Vital Strategies is technically guided and funded by the Bloomberg Philanthropies.

About the Project

Vital Strategies and other partners of the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use will be engaging with the national and subnational government and agencies in Türkiye to strengthen implementation of the national tobacco control law, with the focus on smokefree and TAPS ban. This will be a 2-year project looking to fund government agencies to strengthen the capacity of the government agencies and enforcement in enforcing the law and monitoring compliance.

The Consultant will serve as the focal point for collaborations with government agencies, key partners and grantees in Türkiye and will be based in Ankara or Istanbul, Türkiye. The scope of services that the Consultant will fulfill include:

- Engaging and liaising with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and other ministries and government agencies relevant to implementation of the national tobacco control law at the national and sub-national level to ensure political support for strengthening policy implementation;
- Gather and share intelligence on developments relevant to Türkiye's national strategic plans within and beyond health and tobacco control policy areas through close and effective relationships with stakeholders;
- Map, cultivate and maintain strategic partnerships and collaboration with national and sub-national civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the health and non-health sectors to strengthen policy implementation and enforcement;
- Conduct analyses of the political and policy environment, identify opportunities, provide inputs to the development of Vital Strategies' strategy and work plans, and produce briefs and reports as needed;
- Provide technical support to capacity building needs of governments and BI projects as needed;
- Oversee the development and implementation of Vital Strategies' grants with government agencies and local CSOs/NGOs, providing strategic and technical assistance as needed, and monitoring their progress against agreed objectives and outcomes;
- Conduct monitoring visits to project sites as required and provide relevant progress reports;
- Coordinate with other Bloomberg Initiative partners at the global and local level as well as local grantees to ensure collective and coordinated efforts;
- Assemble a knowledge base of technical resources and materials related to tobacco control law implementation and enforcement in Türkiye and coordinate with Vital Strategies' Global

team to document and disseminate lessons learned and good practices in the country.

- Produce reports of political mapping, situational analysis, and contribute to development of strategic plans;
- Provide monthly, quarterly progress reports and annual reports as requested;
- Attend meetings and events to represent Vital Strategies when requested;
- Conduct calls and attend meetings with the Bloomberg Initiative partners and other tobacco control stakeholders as needed.

Consultant Qualifications

- Minimum of ten years of work experience in the health sector; prior work experience in a government setting relevant to public policy is preferred;
- Deep understanding of the Turkish government system and preferably having connections to the government agencies from previous work experience at the ministry level;
- Good experience in working with the non-health sector inside the government is preferred;
- Bachelor's or Master's degree in public policy, political science or related field; prior work experience in non-communicable diseases or tobacco control is a plus;
- Fluency in both spoken and written Turkish and in both spoken and written English;
- Up to 20% of domestic and international travel will be required.

Application

Please submit your cover letter and CV, alongside your rate expectations to xwang@vitalstrategies.org by July 26th 2024. We will contact selected candidates on a rolling basis.