

World Health Organization

Terms of Reference for Polio STOP Consultant

Purpose of the Position

To provide technical assistance for polio eradication activities in countries of high priority for the global eradication initiative: Planning, implementation, supervision and evaluation of supplementary immunization campaigns for EPI target diseases including polio eradication. Priority will be specifically at the sub-national level, with special focus on house-to-house delivery of oral polio vaccine (OPV) and Vitamin A supplementation and other vaccine preventable diseases control activities.

Objectives of the Programme and of the immediate Strategic Objectives

To eradicate poliomyelitis and reduce morbidity and mortality from diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, yellow fever and measles by providing support to immunization against these diseases and through other interventions. Immunization against other diseases may be added, where applicable. Major emphasis will be placed on polio eradication activities.

Organizational Context

Support country or sub-regional efforts towards polio eradication and EPI disease control through collaboration with staff in the Ministries of Health (or State or Regional health authorities) in the country or state of assignment, as listed in the assigned duties.

Summary of Assigned Duties

1. Accelerated activities to boost Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) Surveillance, including training and orientation of national and sub-national staff, implementation of facility-based active surveillance for AFP, as well as case investigation and follow-up of AFP cases.
2. Micro-planning and implementation of mopping-up immunization activities, using house-to-house vaccine delivery, to eliminate the final chains of transmission of wild poliovirus.
3. Participate in activities at national and sub-national level to improve the quality of supplementary immunization activities, including the identification and immunization of children never before immunized ('zero dose') and ensuring the highest possible coverage of all target children during all supplementary immunization campaigns.
4. Accelerated activities for measles control, including supplementary immunization activities, surveillance and data analysis.
5. Conduct advisory visits to immunization team members in assigned priority areas as identified by the WHO office and national authorities.
6. Prepare trip report and conduct exit debriefing with WHO country and regional office staff.