**Title**

Independent Expert – Health Policy & Systems Research

**Scope of Work**

One of the strategic areas of work for HSTP & its partners is enhancing capacities of Indian researchers on health policy and systems research (HPSR). India Health Policy Systems & Research (HPSR) Fellowships program was launched in January 2021 & aims to build capacity of mid-career public health professionals for strengthening health systems through evidence-based policymaking. Anchored by the Health Systems Transformation Platform (HSTP), the fellowship is organized in collaboration with WHO Alliance for Health Systems and Policy Research, Institute of Public Health Bengaluru, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Systems Studies, The George Institute of Global Health - India, Nossal Institute of Global Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp, & India Health Systems Collaborative. Twenty (20) fellows every year receive this training in HPSR methods.

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1. Participate as faculty to assist the secretariat in monitoring the progress of the current batch 2021 during the mentorship and implementation phase of their study, including at least one visit to study site of fellow as per requirement. The requirement will be decided by the secretariat.

2. Assist in selection of participants for cohort 2022

3. Participate as faculty in training of cohort 2022

4. Develop two India specific case studies to be used in course content

5. Provide technical support on academic and course related matters at the request of the secretariat for the India HPSR Fellowship agreed with CEO HSTP.

The independent expert will work closely with the secretariat and will be answerable to the CEO of HSTP.

**Compensation**

A fee of INR 35,000 per working day inclusive of taxes for 5 working days per month amounting will be paid to the consultant. Consultant will generate monthly invoices during the contract period. In addition, all expenses related to expert’s travel for India HPSR fellowship program purposes (return airfare, accommodation, local transportation arrangements) will be provided as per organizational policy.

**Term**

This engagement shall commence upon execution of this Agreement. The Agreement shall continue in full force and is effect from **February 1, 2022** to **November 30, 2022** and is extendable based on the review of Consultant’s performance by the Foundation and mutual concurrence on revised terms of engagement.