**Title:** Improving Access to Medicines in Public Health Facilities of Odisha

**Scope of Work**

Access to medicines is fundamental to the full realisation of right to health. An assessment of the Odisha health systems by Harvard School of Public Health and HSTP revealed that more than 70% of out-of-pocket expenditure in Odisha being incurred on medicines at the public health facilities. The recent NSSO survey also reveals that spending on drugs accounted for 69% of outpatient care and 32% of inpatient care expenses. Despite the availability of the free drug scheme – Niramaya and the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) to provide free health care to all citizens in public health facilities, existing evidence reveal that patients incur huge out-of-pocket expenditure on medicines especially at the primary health care facilities in Odisha. Therefore, HSTP had proposed to the Government of Odisha to identify causes for the high out of pocket expenditures in the public health facilities and suggest measures to improve them. HSTP intends to partner with the Asian Institute of Public Health University (AIPHU) to undertake this study.

The proposed study will:

* Study the structure, functions and processes of drugs procurement and distribution across health care institutions in Odisha.
* Identify best practices in procurement, inventory and supply chain management systems in other states with similar drug procurement processes.
* Assess availability of essential drugs at the public health facilities through an assessment of stock-in and stock-out of medicines at the facility level.
* Examine the prescription practices for essential medicines by health care physicians at the public health facilities through a prescription audit.
* Understand patient preferences and physician perceptions about patient preferences on drugs.

**Budget**

The total budget for proposed engagement will be INR 24,85,930inclusive of taxes.

**Bank Account Details**

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|  | **Name of the Beneficiary** | AIPH University |
|  | **Bank Name** | State Bank of India |
|  | **Account Number** | 37823845677 |
|  | **Bank Address** | Unit – 1, Near Capital Police Station, Bhubaneswar - 751001 |
|  | **IFSC Code** | SBIN0000041 |
|  | **Swift Code** | SBININBB270 |

**Remuneration**

The entire fee/compensation, not exceeding INR 24,85,930inclusive of taxes would be paid to the account mentioned above held by the Asian Institute of Public Health University.

**Deliverables & Payment Schedule**

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| **S. No** | **Deliverable** | **Payment Instalment**  **(INR)** | **Percentage** |
| 1 | Inception Report with specific milestones and timelines for entire project duration, Document on Constitution of Advisory Committee, details of submission of study proposal to State Research and Ethics Committee | 6,21,483.00 | 25% |
| 2 | Submission of final research methodology and tools; State Research and Ethics Committee Approval Certificate; Expert Consultation Report | 9,94,372.00 | 40% |
| 3 | Submission of draft study report | 6,21,482.00 | 25% |
| 4 | Submission of final study report; Dissemination Workshop Report | 2,48,593.00 | 10% |
|  | **Total** | **24,85,930.00** |  |

**Term of Contract**

This contract period is from **August 22, 2022** to **November 30, 2022.** Asian Institute of Public Health University will be engaged under the agreement from the date of signing the contract till the date of closure as mentioned above**. The contract will be considered closed when the deliverable is received, and final report is submitted.**