**Scope of Work**

**Develop Innovative Models and Interventions to Increase Financing for Cancer Care Services in Uttar Pradesh**

* **Background:** ACCESS Health facilitates a multi partner initiative in partnership with the State Agency for Comprehensive Health & Integrated Services (SACHIS), the state agency for implementing the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and Roche India Healthcare Institute (RIHI), aimed at strengthening the provision and standard of cancer care under PM-JAY. A Special Interest Group (SIG) was constituted by SACHIS in November 2022 and is chaired by the Principal Secretary of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh. It comprises leading oncologists from public and private empaneled hospitals as well as subject matter experts from the state**.** The mandate of the SIG is to review the existing implementation of programs and schemes and give recommendations for (i) strengthening early screening and diagnosis to reduce the late-stage presentation of the disease and improve treatment outcomes; (ii) strengthening the availability and access to cancer treatment for improved treatment outcomes; and (iii) increasing financing for cancer care.

The multiparter initiative in coming six months through research, analysis and capacity building focuses on; (i) strengthening the availability of diagnostics and supplies of cancer drugs; (ii) develop models for pooled purchasing of cancer drugs for PM-JAY hospital network and (iii) advocating for increased financing under PMJAY for cancer care and/or increase availability of financing beyond PM-JAY through special corpus or fund stacking and establishing process document for enabling such provision.

* **Scope of Work:** The consulting assignment will include providing technical leadership to develop innovative models and interventions towards advocating for increased funds and finance for cancer care in Uttar Pradesh. The suggested models could include models of fund stacking, co-payments, policy/models adopted by other state governments and innovative financing practices from other countries.

**Approach:** innovative models and interventions will be developed in context to UP in the form of a recommendation paper. The approach will include (i) desk research, (ii) data analysis, (iii) situational analysis of Uttar Pradesh and (iv) developing case study documentation of states which have taken policy decisions to improve access to treatment for cancer; (v) stakeholder consultation and (vi) presentation to the government.

Specifically for developing case studies three states will be identified from the following Gujarat, Odisha, Assam, Chhattisgarh, and Tamil Nadu. It is expected that the case studies will assist be understanding and documenting financing and funding for cancer care in the state at policy level and the administrative processes for their implementation and assist development of models for the state of Uttar Pradesh. The case study will be qualitative and will be based on desk research of public documents and in-depth discussions with key informants and Key Opinion Leaders from each state such as (i) officials from department of health and family welfare, (ii) officials from state health agencies, (iii) providers; (iv) civil society organizations; (v) cancer survivors and (iv) implementing support agencies.

An intervention team comprising of staff of ACCESS Health will work under the leadership of the consultant to conduct desk research, undertake the state case studies, and gather the required information, data, and evidence.

The specific scope of work of the consultant will include the following tasks and deliverables.

* Develop the intervention design in participation with ACCESS health. The design will include list of information and data that is required to be collected, areas of enquiry for the case studies and outline to organize the case studies.
* Participate in team review and technical discussion meetings.
* Participate in discussions to develop state specific models.
* Using the information collected by ACCESS Health team develop the recommendation paper detailing the suggested models and interventions.
* Participate in stakeholder consultation with government and industry stakeholders for feedback. (Expected 2-3 one-hour sessions)
* Present the recommendations to the Special Interest Group. (Expected one in Lucknow)

**Deliverables**

* Detailed Intervention Methodology
* PowerPoint Presentation of the Models and Intervention
* Recommendation Paper

**Compensation**

A consulting fee of INR 28,500 per day and maximum of INR 598,500 including all taxes will be paid to the consultant for total 21 working days during the duration of the contract. The payment will be released only on the completion of deliverables and by providing the invoice.

**Term**

This engagement shall commence upon execution of this Agreement. The Agreement shall continue in full force and is effect from **November 18, 2023** to **February 28, 2024**.