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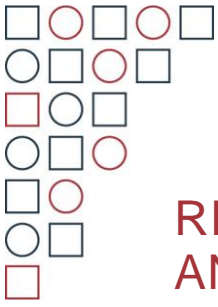
## Research Expert, Nutrition Sensitivity Analysis

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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**Deadline for receipt of submissions:  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 11.59pm Nigeria time**





# RESEARCH EXPERT, NUTRITION SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

## TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToRs)

Nutrition International is recruiting an individual Consultant to perform the duties specified in this ToR. Nutrition International is committed to the fundamental principles of equal employment opportunity. Women are encouraged to apply.

## BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The World Bank's Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) project, with US\$232 million financing from the International Development Association (IDA) and Global Financing Facility (GFF), aims to increase utilization of quality, cost-effective nutrition services for pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls and children under five years of age in select states. As the first 5-year slice of a longer-term engagement of the World Bank in Nigeria for improving nutrition outcomes, ANRiN project is a testing ground for innovations and new ways of service delivery, in 12 high malnutrition burden states that represent all six geographical zones of Nigeria. It proposes to achieve its development objective through two components, namely:

1. Basic package of nutrition services (US\$ 185.75 million); and
2. Stewardship and project management (US\$ 46.25 million).

Therefore, it is critical to carefully study the 'how to' of these interventions through robustly designed and deployed implementation research to inform ongoing and new investments of the World Bank Group supporting improved nutrition outcomes in Nigeria, for greater efficiencies and effectiveness. Evidence suggests that there is significant opportunity for maximizing nutritional impact by bundling nutrition activities and outcomes into non-nutrition projects and interventions. Nutrition International will thus be providing technical assistance to the Bank to review a selection of key portfolio projects, with the goal of identifying entry points and opportunities for nutrition integration in these projects and more broadly recommendations for systematic consideration of integration in Bank processes. The Research Expert will be a key member of the technical assistance team and will be expected to implement step-by-step a series of mixed methods research that will inform the design of a systematic integration of nutrition into selected World Bank Nigeria projects and set the stage for operationalizing the intervention.

Under the overall responsibility and direct supervision of Senior Technical Advisor, Evaluations and Strategic Research (Global Technical Services), the Consultant will implement nutrition landscape and gap analyses, and an ethnographic study; develop program impact pathways for the selected projects; and organize a formative workshop. The Consultant will also implement any other study that may be required during the consultancy period.

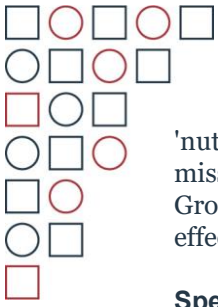
The consultancy tasks are specified below. The Consultant will be provided with necessary access to project information and required data to develop study protocol as guided in the proposal. The Consultant will be contracted, managed, and supervised from the Nutrition International Head Quarters in Ottawa and be stationed at the Country Office in Abuja, Nigeria.

## OBJECTIVES

### Overall objective

The overarching objective support the World Bank in integrate nutrition into its making them nutrition-

of this technical assistance is to Nigeria to systematically financed interventions by smart i.e., accessible to



'nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive' designs and intervention components leaving no missed-opportunity. The results will inform ongoing and new investments of the World Bank Group supporting improved nutrition outcomes in Nigeria, for greater efficiencies and effectiveness.

### **Specific objectives**

The specific objectives of this consultancy include the following:

1. To use a comprehensive systematic analytical approach on the World Bank financed interventions (WBFI) in Nigeria to determine the extent to which nutrition activities have been integrated, to further strengthen any such existing activities, and to identify niches and opportunities for integration of additional potential design features, new intervention or intervention components to make the WBFI nutrition smart.
2. Generate capacity development recommendations for Bank staff to improve integration of nutrition activities into relevant sectoral projects to make them nutrition-smart.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

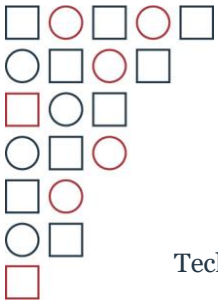
The Consultant will be responsible for the field management of the project, as well as other tasks that may be assigned by Nutrition International. To achieve the overall objective, the Consultant will accomplish the following tasks during the project period.

1. Overall management of the field implementation of the sensitivity analysis, including but not limited to the following:
  - I. Review and input into the proposal and preparation of the protocol.
  - II. Obtain ethical approval as required.
  - III. Assist in recruiting and training interviewers if deemed necessary.
  - IV. Data collection and field Management.
  - V. Transcribe and translate data if necessary.
2. Conduct desk review and report to Nutrition International.
3. Work with Nutrition International to develop conceptual/theoretical framework for the analysis.
4. Conduct data collection using a sequential explanatory design where quantitative data will be collected first followed by qualitative data.
5. Analyze data both qualitative and quantitative data generated from field research.
6. Make recommendations of the intervention components for programs.
7. Actively participate in weekly update meeting with supervisor.
8. Any other tasks assigned by the supervisor.
9. Prepare report including recommendations for capacity development.

### **Major responsibilities:**

The Consultant will use the proposal developed by Nutrition International as a guide to accomplishing all tasks mentioned above. A version of the proposal for the same will be provided to the Consultant upon signature of the contract. The following will be the major responsibilities related to the consultancy.

Administrative/Financial:



1. Meet with the project team at an agreed upon interval to review and/or re-set projected activities and deliverables.
2. Prepare tentative budget for the field implementation in consultation with the supervisor.

#### Technical:

1. Periodically update supervisor through the weekly meetings and notify immediately any urgent matters related to the project implementation and improvement.
2. Suggest matters related to critical decision making about the implementation of the research.
3. Organize and provide training to the interviewers if needed.
4. Prepare study tools and consent forms as required.
5. Prepare and submit application for ethical approval to relevant review board.
6. Analyze data.

#### Reporting and dissemination:

1. Prepare final report and outputs/materials for manuscript.

### DELIVERABLES

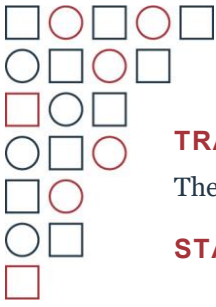
1. A workplan, with clear timelines, prepared in consultation with the supervisor to accomplish all project activities.
2. Detailed data collection plan for each research component of the project.
3. A review report.
4. Monthly reporting of all activities accomplished during the previous month.
5. All interviews, focus group discussions, field notes or any other data collection notes legibly transcribed and translated in electronic form.
6. All data files (including verbatim transcripts and audio files) and coded transcripts.
7. A complete report that should include background and rationale, objectives, design and methods, results, interpretation and discussion, limitations (e.g., in data collection), and recommendations.
8. All consent forms and any document pertaining to the research and consultancy.

### GENDER

Nutrition International is committed to gender equality. Consultants are required to indicate how they will ensure that gender equality considerations are included in the provision of TA, including how they are incorporated into deliverables. Examples of gender equality integration could include but are not limited to; ensuring government departments responsible for women are included wherever possible, gender sensitive indicators are included, emerging data is sex disaggregated, and relevant documentation related to gender is reviewed. Nutrition International's gender equality strategy as well as tools to support gender mainstreaming can be accessed here: [Program Gender Equality Strategy](#).

### TIMELINE

- It is anticipated that this consultancy will begin in January 2024 and will be for a duration of one year, ending December 2024.
- The Consultant will be expected to work 65 days over the course of the one-year period.



## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

There is no travel expected for this Consultancy.

## STATION / LOCATION

- The Consultant is required to have the right to work in Nigeria and be based in Abuja.
- The Consultant will work from Nutrition International's office during their working days.

## MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING/COORDINATION MECHANISM

- Nutrition International will be responsible for the coordination of the TA and for the quality assurance of the work being delivered by the Consultant.
- The Consultant will report to the Senior Technical Advisor, Evaluations and Strategic Research (Global Technical Services) based at Nutrition International's headquarters in Ottawa, Canada and work in close collaboration with Nutrition International's Nigeria Country Director; the Deputy Country Director; the Director of Social Safety Net Programmes; and a lead Consultant for the project.
- Administrative management will be provided by Nutrition International's Nutrition Technical Assistance Mechanism's Deputy Director and Africa Regional Manager.
- The Consultant will work closely with the World Bank Nigeria's Health, Nutrition & Population division.
- Nutrition International will provide the funding for the assignment, and payment will be subject to performance and reaching deliverables as agreed upon at the time of contract signing.

## PROFILE/ QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANT

The Consultant should have the following profile:

### Education:

- Master's Degree or Doctorate in public health, nutrition, applied social sciences or relevant field.

### Language Skills:

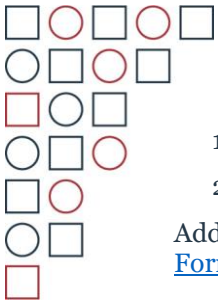
- English: high written and oral capability. Proficiency in Nigerian languages considered an asset.

### Experience:

- At least 5 years of professional, relevant, experience.
- Demonstrated experience in mixed methods research.
- Relevant experience in assessing health and nutrition outcomes and processes through sound research methods.
- Relevant experience analyzing quantitative and qualitative data using appropriate analysis software (e.g. Stata, SPSS, NVivo, Atlas Ti).
- Demonstrated expertise in evaluations through experience and publications.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested Consultants are invited to submit the following by email to [TechnicalAssistance@NutritionIntl.org](mailto:TechnicalAssistance@NutritionIntl.org) , copying [cjalal@NutritionIntl.org](mailto:cjalal@NutritionIntl.org) by December 8<sup>th</sup> 23:59 in Nigeria.



1. Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Cover letter.

Additionally, applicants are expected to complete the [Technical Assistance Provider Recruitment Form - Nutrition International \(nutritionintl.org\)](https://www.nutritionintl.org).

\* The award of this Consultancy contract will be contingent on project funding availability.