

Call for Consultancy: Immunization Expertise Consultant for the NutriVax Project

The Eleanor Crook Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, are jointly funding the NutriVax Project, a \$2 million investment that will explore the impact of pairing a high-impact malnutrition intervention with immunization services.

The NutriVax Project will fund a randomized control trial in Nigeria to test whether providing nutritional supplements as an incentive for vaccination can help solve the challenge of generating demand for vaccination. The study will take place in communities that face a double burden of low coverage of routine childhood immunizations and a high burden of wasting. Specifically, the project will use a randomized control trial to test whether providing Small-Quantity Lipid-Based Nutrient Supplements (SQ-LNS) as an incentive to caregivers for updating their children's vaccinations will lead to increased coverage of the measles vaccine. Secondary indicators will look at coverage of other vaccines and nutrition-related outcomes.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation is seeking a consultant to provide technical expertise and oversight on immunization components of the NutriVax Project. This consultant should have the following qualifications:

- Proven immunization expertise, with a focus on immunization in children under five and low resource environments
- Extensive experience working on research projects or clinical trials related to immunization
- Strong communication skills with the ability to collaborate effectively with a diverse research team
- Familiarity with ethical considerations related to immunization in research trials
- Prior experience with Gavi and/or operating in Nigeria is preferred, but not required

The proposed LOE for the consultancy is approximately 30 days over the two- year duration of the project which will likely include the following activities for support

- Research design and protocol review at the onset of project
- Semi-annual reviews twice a year
- Review of results at the close out of the project
- Dissemination support
- Additional technical input as needed

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a CV outlining their qualifications and relevant experience to yvana@eleanorcrookfoundation.org by 23 Jan 2024.