# Consultancy to Develop Roadmap for Transitioning TB Services into Social Health Insurance

**Local Health System Sustainability (LHSS) Vietnam**

**CALL FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

**TO DEVELOP A ROADMAP FOR TRANSITIONING TB SERVICES**

**INTO SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE**

The global LHSS project helps low- and middle-income countries transition to sustainable, self-funded health finance systems that support high-performing overall health systems. The LHSS activity in Vietnam will work with the Government of Vietnam (GVN) to advance greater local ownership of HIV and TB prevention and control. Led by Abt Associates, the four-year activity will support Vietnam in increasing its domestic financing for HIV and TB services in the context of declining donor funding, using government resources more efficiently, and in assuming local ownership of HIV and TB prevention and control activities. Specific objectives are: (1) Support the GVN to strengthen its public financial management systems for public sector health and find greater efficiencies in social health insurance (SHI), (2) Increase and improve the efficiency of domestic financing of HIV prevention and treatment services; (3) Strengthen the capacity of Vietnam's supply chain management system; and (4) Transition of TB services into SHI.

In the context of the GVN budget constraints covering the National TB Program (NTP), in 2020, the GVN decided to transition the procurement and payment of TB drugs into the SHI from 2022 onward. To implement this transition smoothly and timely with relevant divisions from both the Ministry of Health and the Vietnam Social Security Agency, a TB service transition roadmap with detailed steps, responsibilities, and timelines needs to be developed. Per LHSS's objective 4 on assisting the TB transition into SHI, LHSS will mobilize a national consultant to work closely with the NTP on developing a TB service transition roadmap.

**Objective**

Develop a TB service transition roadmap with detailed tasks, responsible agencies, a timeline, risk and mitigation plan, and a description of the transition management.

**Main tasks**

* Consult with relevant MOH and VSS divisions to identify areas of priorities and steps to be conducted by the NTP and related units and agencies to get SHI-covered TB drugs provided to TB patients from January 2022 onwards.
* Compile comments and feedbacks from relevant units/agencies on how to get the needed steps done by whom and when.
* Assess risks of activities and proposed risk management.
* Write a detailed roadmap transitioning TB services into SHI with detailed tasks, responsible agencies, a timeline, risk and mitigation plan, and a description of the transition management.

**Deliverables**

* Monthly progress update (short report) on the task implementation to the NTP and LHSS.
* A TB service transition roadmap with detailed tasks, responsible agencies, a timeline, risk, and mitigation plan, and a description of the transition management and agreed upon by the NTP.

**Skills/Knowledge Required**

* Graduate degree in social or health science, public health, or relevant disciplines.
* Good understanding of the TB treatment program.
* Good understanding of Vietnam's health insurance policies.
* Demonstrate ability to work effectively with government agencies, including MOH, VSS, and TB program.
* Language requirement: Vietnamese. The ability to speak English would be an advantage.

Note: This position is based in Hanoi with a planned level of effort of up to 30 working days.

To apply, please send your CV and an application letter to [phuong\_doan@abtassoc.com](mailto:phuong_doan@abtassoc.com).

**Deadline: March 5th, 2021**

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.