

VACANCY NOTICE

UNICEF Vietnam is looking for a qualified Vietnamese consultant to do the documentation on Childhood Injury Prevention interventions in UNICEF Vietnam

Background:

Injury has become a major issue which threatens child survival and development for Vietnamese children over one year old. According to the Ministry of Health's recent report on injury related mortality, 7,198 children and adolescents aged from 0-19 died of injuries in 2006. Children injuries result from different causes. From infancy to puberty, drowning is the overwhelming cause of injury-related death in every age group and far outstrips other causes. The same report of MOH indicated that in 2006 children and adolescents (aged from 0-19) who died of drowning accounted for 51% of children and adolescents who died of injuries). Beginning just after puberty and then increasing in magnitude as age increases, road traffic accidents becomes the leading cause of child death. In 2006, traffic accidents were responsible for 26% of injury related mortality for children and adolescents at the group age from 0-19. After that, poisoning and cuts with sharp objects are tied as the third leading cause of death. In addition to injuries affecting children nationwide, there are also child injuries from unexploded ordnances (UXO) or landmines that occur in specific areas heavily affected by UXO/landmines during the war. As in other countries of the world, boys are generally more often victims of injuries than girls and this is particularly true for road traffic injuries and drowning.

In 2001, UNICEF started to introduce Childhood Injury Prevention activities into its on-going sectoral programmes. Since 2003 UNICEF has been supporting the Vietnamese Government to have a comprehensive response to this new public health issue through the Childhood Injury Prevention (CIP) Project which became a full program in 2006 with the overall objective of reducing injuries among children and young people. Following are specific objectives for the program:

- 1) To improve awareness and change the attitudes of children, parents and caretakers as well as of local leaders, on safety and injury prevention
- 2) To provide the above with knowledge and equip them with specific skills in an effort to reduce child and adolescent deaths and disability due to injury
- 3) To modify aspects of the physical environment that predispose children to injuries and to deploy necessary safety devices that protect children from being injured
- 4) To influence policy on issues related to safety and to foster injury prevention legislation and its enforcement

The CIP Programme has a nationwide component which includes advocacy, policy development, public education, capacity building, research and surveillance. At the sub-national level, it has developed and implemented a comprehensive model which has been implemented in the six provinces of Hai Phong, Hai Duong, Quang Tri, Hue, Can Tho and Dong Thap, where UNICEF started CIP projects in 2003. Mine Risk Education activities have been conducted in areas heavily affected by UXO/landmines, including Thua Thien Hue, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Ha Tinh, Nghe An and Thanh Hoa.

Purpose:

This assignment aims to formally document experiences and lessons learnt of the CIP programme in order to share with other country offices, NGOs and/or Government agencies that are interested in addressing CIP.

Scope and focus

The documentation will use several written material such as the CIP pilot model evaluation, the CIP hospital based model evaluation, the assessment of developed IEC materials, the situation analysis, major donor reports, minutes of major meetings with government to document the experience of UNICEF Vietnam in the area of childhood injury prevention over the last five years. In addition, more information with interesting life stories will be gathered through interviews with several duty bearers both at national and provincial levels as well as with some children who have been directly involved in some CIP interventions

The report will document UNICEF experience on CIP in 5 main areas:

- 1) Upstream work in the area of policy, advocacy, and partnership;
- 2) UNICEF work in capacity development, system strengthening;
- 3) IEC/Behavior change communication (BCC) interventions;
- 4) Pilot model.

It is expected that the report will support knowledge management in the area of childhood injury prevention.

Methodology:

The key methodology will include desk review and qualitative interviews. The consultant is expected to collect all relevant documents, study them, interview key informants and develop a comprehensive and concise documentation that captures all CIP program experiences and lessons learnt in the last seven years.

Specific tasks, outputs and estimated working days:

No	Work item	Expected outputs	Timeline
1.	<p>Desk review and study</p> <p><u>List of materials recommended by UNICEF for desk review:</u></p> <p><u>-Situation analysis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIP PPO 2003 2005 and 2006-2010 - CIP annual workplan 2003-2008 - CIP project review (consultancy) - VMIS, MOH report on injury related mortality - CIP qualitative surveys on causes of childhood injuries, drowning circumstances, road traffic youth risk taking behaviors, burn, poisoning... - UNICEF speeches on CIP - New papers articles - Minutes of National Assembly workshop - Selected key CIP donor reports 2002-2008 - MTR report - CIP annual reports - Report of the review of CIP demonstration model - Report of the assessment of print IEC materials <p>Report of the review of CIP hospital based model</p>	<p>Structure of the documentation developed and inputs to feed in the structure collected and compiled</p>	10 days

2.	Develop and finalize tools for interviews with different stakeholders	The assessment tools and working schedule developed and approved by UNICEF	2 days
3.	Interview key project counterparts at both central and provincial level). <i><u>Proposed list of key informants:</u></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF Deputy Representative - UNICEF-CIP Section chief and POs - CIP project managers of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs - Counterpart from Ministry of Justice - Counterpart from Ministry of Construction (as part of the advocacy work of UNICEF to pay a specific attention to children's issues when reviewing/improving the construction standard) - Staff from MPI - CIP counterpart from National Assembly - Vice chairman of Hai Duong People's Committee and Director of Hai Duong Department of Health and department of MOLISA– where CIP model demonstration is implemented - Representatives of Commune People's Committee in Hai Duong - Children involved in CIP related activities (ie, participants of the nationwide writing or drawing competition, children who have had some dialogues on CIP with high ranking officials...) 	Inputs from key counterparts available for the documentation	6 days
4.	Draft the documentation report	Draft report is available for comments	10 days
5.	Get comments and feed back to finalize the report	Final report is available with inputs and comments from UNICEF and key counterparts	2 days
	Total of working days		30 days

Location

The documentation will mainly take place in Hanoi but requires a 5-day field trip to Haiduong.

Time frame

This assignment is expected to start in September 2008 and complete in the middle of October 2008.

Profile of desired candidate

- Advanced qualifications in social sciences, journalism or related field.
- Recognized experience in documentation of social and development projects and/or programs)
- Good understanding of development issues, including childhood injury prevention in particular.
- Good knowledge of the political, economic, social and cultural context of Vietnam
- Extensive and excellent experience in synthesis, analysis and writing.
- Fluency in spoken and written English
- Previous experiences in research studies on injury and/or child injury prevention and/or program documentation are desirable.

Please send detailed proposals (in English) marked confidential to:

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Closing date for receipt of proposals is **4th August 2008**

Please indicate the title of the review on the top left corner of the envelope.

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