

Technical Resource Persons– AIC Intervention (GF-C19RM)

Organization:

Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) is established in India as an independent non-profit organization created under Section 8 (Indian) Companies Act, 2013 with its office in New Delhi. FIND India is the key implementing partner of Central Tuberculosis (TB) Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, for strengthening and expanding TB laboratory diagnostic capacity within the Nation TB Elimination Program (NTEP) supported by the Global Fund. FIND India is a subsidiary of FIND, an international non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. The organization is dedicated to activities that result in; 1) new diagnostic tools; 2) expanded access to these tools; and 3) strengthened diagnostic testing capacity for poverty-related diseases in low- and middle-income countries.

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Project Background:

Airborne diseases including TB, in health care settings represent a major public health challenge. In 2010, National Airborne Infection Control (AIC) guidelines were adopted in India. These guidelines included specific policies for TB prevention and control in health care settings. However, the present uptake and implementation of these guidelines remains sub-optimal under the NTEP and NACP (National AIDS Control Program). The AIC guidelines assume greater importance with the recent Covid-19 pandemic. With the objective to improve outbreak preparedness, and control TB and other airborne infections at healthcare settings, the proposed activities are designed to ensure adoption of AIC practices at all nodal Drug Resistance (DR)-TB facilities and Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) centres.

Objectives, brief activities and Primary Outcome:

The main objective of the program is improving outbreak preparedness of the healthcare facilities and controlling air-borne infections such as TB and COVID at healthcare settings. The project intends to conduct assessment at 100 DR-TB and ART Centers to identify managerial & administrative, environmental & infrastructure, and capacity building gaps towards AIC Airborne infection control. Subsequently, infrastructure improvement, health system strengthening and capacity building of human resources through trainings (ToT, onsite) will be undertaken to improve AIC compliance.

The project intends to lead to following outcomes:

- Reduced events of airborne disease outbreaks at healthcare facilities
- Safe healthcare facilities that protect healthcare workers and patients against airborne infections.
- Reduced rates of HAI (Healthcare associated infections) especially TB and COVID.
- Improving access to TB services supporting mitigation of COVID-19 under NTEP.
- Improved reporting of Infection Control (IC) indicators leading to early identification of outbreaks at healthcare facilities.

Location: Across the country

Positions: around 25-30 positions

Job description

The technical resource persons will assist the project in either of the below listed two important areas based on their expertise and time commitment:

1. AIC Assessment:
 - a. Participate in workshop on methodology for conduct of AIC assessment
 - b. Conduct AIC assessments at the identified DR-TB centres and ART Centres
 - c. Prepare site assessment reports
 - d. Support the development of a facility plan for implementation of AIC

2. Conduct of AIC training:
 - a. Participate in Training of Trainers workshop on methodology for conduct trainings on AIC interventions and understanding curriculum developed
 - b. Facilitate state level ToT for key staff from facilities
 - c. Facilitate local level trainings based on needs of project and program

Skills and experience required:

- MBBS with MD in Microbiology/Public & Social Medicine/ Pathology/ Chest Medicine/ or equivalent qualification.
OR
PhD in Microbiology/Public Health/ Epidemiology/ Health Services Management from reputed Institutes

- 5 years or more experience in public health programs in India preferably TB, HIV/AIDS, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programs)
- Experience of conducting assessments of health facilities under NABL, NABH etc. Experience of conducting assessments related to IPC (infection prevention and control) and AIC will be preferred.
- Facilitated IPC and AIC related trainings (at state or national level).

Nature of Appointment:

Selected candidates will be offered consultancy contracts (based on number of days which can be committed and required by the project). These contracts will be valid up to the duration of project i.e., **31 Dec 2023**.

Compensation offered:

Selected Technical Resource Person will be offered honorarium of INR 4000 per day for conducting site assessments and facilitating trainings. These will be released on submission of the assessment or the training report as the case may be.

All project level travel (for participating in workshops, assessments, training, meetings, etc) will be borne by FIND (travels, accommodation, and meals as per actual and as per FIND India travel policy).

Deadline to send your application:

Please mail a **detailed resume along with brief description in format given below** to HR-IN@finddx.org by **5 July 2022**.

But don't wait until the deadline! We will start screening right away and if we find the required number of resource persons, we will stop searching.

Technical Resource Person -AIC Interventions

Brief Description:

1. Name:
2. Qualification:
3. Current position/ designation/s:
4. Institute/s currently working for/ associated with:

| | No. of years | Describe briefly |
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| 5. Experience of working with NTEP/ NACP/other health programmes (specify no. of years and in what capacity) | | |

| | Brief Description |
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| 6. Experience of conducting assessments of health facilities and labs in the past 8-10 years (including NABH, NABL, under National programs): | |
| 7. Experience of conducting IPC and AIC related assessments (describe briefly) | |
| 8. Please inform if you have received any AIC or IPC training in the last 8-10 years | |
| 9. Experience of delivering/conducting IPC and AIC related training in the past 8-10 years (describe briefly important achievements/trainings) | |

| | No. of days per month |
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| 10. No. of days which can be committed per month over next 6-12 months | |
| 11. Please indicate your willingness to travel for this activity (Y/N) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

| 12. Interested to support activity (please click on relevant boxes): | Yes | No |
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| Conduct of AIC Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Conduct of state level AIC ToT | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |