

Call for expression of interest: **BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN INTEGRATING GAPPED+ IN EYE HEALTH ACTIVITIES IN LAO-PDR.**

ABOUT THE FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION

The Fred Hollows Foundation (The Foundation) in Laos is seeking expressions of interest from individuals or consulting companies interested in undertaking the BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN INTEGRATING GAPPED+ IN EYE HEALTH ACTIVITIES UNDER STRENGTHENING EYE HEALTH SYSTEM IN LAO-PDR.

The Foundation is seeking consultants who meet the following selection criteria:

- **Research/Evaluation Experience:** Substantial experience in conducting research/evaluation projects, particularly in the fields of public health, social sciences, or related disciplines.
- **Knowledge of Gender, Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and intersectional equity analysis:** Strong understanding of GEDSI including with an intersectional lens and the ability to apply them in the context of healthcare and social services, especially within the Lao context.
- **Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in the Lao language, as well as English, for effective communication with local stakeholders and the research team.
- **Proven Qualitative and Quantitative Research Skills:** Proficiency in both qualitative and quantitative research methods, including data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- **Assessment and Evaluation Skills:** Ability to design and conduct assessments to evaluate the capacity and effectiveness of social and civil organizations, as well as identify barriers to equitable access to eye care services.
- **Community Engagement:** Experience in conducting community-based research and community engagement to ensure local perspectives are considered.
- **Report Writing:** Strong technical writing skills to produce comprehensive research reports and policy recommendations.
- **Ethical Research Practices:** Adherence to ethical guidelines for research, including informed consent, confidentiality, and data protection.
- **Evidence of Past Work:** Demonstrated experience through a portfolio of previous research projects and publications in relevant fields.

Favourable qualifications (not essential)

- **Understanding of Eye Health Services:** Familiarity with eye health services and an understanding of the specific challenges and opportunities related to eye care in Laos.
- **Local Expertise:** In-depth knowledge of the socio-cultural, political, and economic landscape in Laos, including an understanding of the specific challenges faced by marginalized communities.

Please review the attached **terms of reference (ToR)** carefully.

To express interest in undertaking the work described, please submit the application package by email to: kkeohavong@hollows.org. Please reference your submission as "*Barrier and opportunities assessment- SEHS project*".

Deadline for submission: 27th September 2024

The application package must include:

- A cover letter outlining how you meet the key selection criteria and including two references,
- A curriculum vitae/resume,
- A technical proposal (includes proposed methodologies to address the Key Evaluation Questions) and a financial proposal (details associated costs and fees).
- Copy or link to one example of a similar evaluation conducted in the last 5 years (a reference to reports and publications is a plus) including names, titles, and contact details of previous clients who can be contacted to provide references.

Note: Only submissions with complete documents as stated and those meeting minimum requirements will be considered. Qualified consultants may be subjected to a background check and child protection as a condition for engagement.

Please contact **Ms. Kannika Keohavong** via phone+ 856 20 22498489 or email at kkeohavong@hollows.org for further details.