The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Draft Terms of Reference (ToR)

Lead Country Coordinators Group
for
Implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action
(OIC-SHPA) 2014– 2023

Preamble

The OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (SHPA) 2014-2023, adopted at the 4th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) held in Jakarta in October 2013, recommended to establish six working groups for each of the following six key thematic areas of the OIC-SHPA Implementation Plan;

    I. Health System Strengthening,
   II. Disease Prevention and Control,
  III. Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition,
  IV. Medicines, Vaccines and Medical Technologies,
   V. Emergency Health Response and Interventions,
  VI. Information, Research, Education and Advocacy.

Pursuant to the recommendations of OIC SHPA, six OIC Member States volunteered to lead and coordinate the development of implementation plans for each of the thematic areas. The 4th ICHM further requested the Member States to cooperate

with the designated six Lead Country Coordinators (LCC) for each thematic area and strengthen cooperation by sharing of experience, expertise, best practices and technology in respect of the actions and activities identified in the Implementation Plan relating to the different thematic areas of the OIC-SHPA.

Article 1: Objective and Scope

1.1   To identify priority activities for the related thematic areas, plan, coordinate, facilitate, and promote implementation of the activities identified under respective thematic areas in harmony with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

1.2   The Lead Country Coordinators shall function under the authority of and guided by the Steering Committee on Health (SCH) and ICHM.

Article 2: Composition

The Lead Country Coordinators Group (LCCG) shall comprise:

I.   Lead Country Coordinators (LCC) for six Thematic Areas of OIC SHPA.

II.   Representative(s) from the OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC Institutions:
- The OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH);
- The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC);
- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB);
- The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO);

Article 3: Designation of Lead Country Coordinators

3.1 Every Member State is eligible to be a candidate for the Lead Country Coordinator (LCC);

3.2 The Lead Country Coordinators shall be endorsed every two years by ICHM in line with the recommendation made by SCH;

3.3   Interested Member State shall submit its expression of interest highlighting its technical capacity, expertise, engagement and commitment in the relevant thematic area. In case of no application, the incumbent LCC may be requested to continue;

3.4   One LCC shall be designated for each thematic areas at any given time;

3.5   The selection of LCCs, as far as possible, should reflect the geographical balance of the OIC Member States.

Article 4: Duties, Responsibilities and Procedures

4.1   LCCG shall;

4.1.1   Identify priority activities for interventions and collaboration and formulate two year plan of the identified priority activities for each thematic area for the approval of SCH;

4.1.2   Coordinate among LCCs as well as the Institution members of LCCG to ensure effective implementation of the planned activities and OIC SHPA, in general;

4.1.3   Evaluate and propose the need to establish technical working groups as well as to carry out joint activities with other LCCs.

4.2   LCCs shall;

4.2.1   Ensure effective communication with other Member States by disseminating information through OIC health portal;

4.2.2   Provide reports on the challenges and outcomes of the activities implemented during the LCCG meetings;

4.3   The OIC General Secretariat shall perform secretarial duties for the LCCG including establishing a network of focal points from Member states; communicating planned activities of LCCG to the Member States; and Facilitating sharing of information between LCCs and Member States;

4.4 The OIC institutions (COMSTECH, IDB, ISESCO and SESRIC) shall assist Member States in capacity building and technical trainings in collaboration with relevant LCC by incorporating the LCCG prioritized activities in their work plan; and consider providing necessary technical expertise and funding to the Member States for implementation of OIC-SHPA.

4.5 SESRIC shall provide technical support to the LCCG by facilitating data collection and processing and by preparing analytical and research papers on various health related issues.

4.6 IDB shall provide guidance to LCCs on IDB`s procedures as well as in identifying and facilitating funding resources from other regional financial organizations;

Article 5: Meetings and Reports

5.1 The meeting reports shall be submitted to the SCH and subsequently to the ICHM.

5.2 The LCCG shall hold its meeting, at least once a year, preferably prior to regular meeting of SCH. However, LCCG may hold frequent virtual meetings. These meetings shall be confined to its Members only.

5.3 The LCCG may request expertise from other Member States or Specialized Institutions, if necessary.

5.4 The LCCG meeting should normally be chaired by a Moderator. LCCG will choose two Member States of LCCG as Moderator and a Vice Moderator respectively.