

**Call for Application
Short Term Consultant
Malaria Free Mekong (Regional Malaria CSO Platform), GMS**

Application submission deadline: 20 September 2022

Number of working days: 15 days

1. Background

ALIGHT (formerly known as American Refugee Committee) is looking for qualified consultant with experience developing illustrated, participatory training and/or counseling tools for malaria or other public health issues in the Mekong countries to compile an **illustrated regional guide**. The guide will be used to inform training content and counseling tools developed and used by CSOs to equip community health workers to encourage vivax malaria treatment adherence and follow-up to monitor for adverse events. Main target of the guide is CSO managers responsible for developing and using tools at community level to achieve elimination of all forms of malaria, including vivax. The regional guide will be developed in English.

ALIGHT is an international non-profit organization that has provided humanitarian assistance to millions of beneficiaries over the past 30 years. ALIGHT works with refugee, IDP, and affected communities in more than ten countries around the world, helping people regain control of their lives after conflict and natural disaster. ALIGHT has been responding to the humanitarian/refugee crisis in Thailand since 1992, addressing issues relating to GBV, Health, and WASH sectors, with funding from BPRM, USAID, UNHCR, The Global Fund and many others. ALIGHT is sub-recipient of the Global Fund RAI3E grant and implementing malaria project in Thailand and Myanmar. ALIGHT is also a host of Malaria Free Mekong (regional CSO platform).

2. About Regional Malaria CSO platform, GMS

The Regional Malaria CSO Platform¹ in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) is a network of more than 50 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and community representatives from the Global Fund RAI implementing countries: Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Vietnam. The Platform serves as the community and civil society organization engagement mechanism for the RAI and RSC CSO representatives. ALIGHT is the host of the Malaria CSO platform, GMS for 2018-2020.

The Regional Malaria CSO platform plays a key role in advocacy, communication, and community engagement through different activities, for example, meetings, consultations, site visit, connecting CSOs for technical assistance, and developing capacity in malaria grant implementation. The Platform provides a common space to all CSOs from the GMS that are working on malaria or working with malaria vulnerable and affected communities through other development programs (e.g., for education, human rights, and other health services).

3. Context

¹ <https://www.malariafreemekong.org/>

Despite progress made in reduction of plasmodium falciparum, in the Mekong region managing vivax at the community level is still being challenging. Due to the nature of community's movement, lifestyle, belief and available health services near to the community vivax management especially case finding and complete treatment is difficult. Building on the work that has been done in Thailand to understand and address barriers to vivax treatment adherence at community level and the country-specific priorities relevant to vivax radical cure that have been mapped in 4 out of 5 GMS countries with input from NMPs, CSOs and the APMEN Vivax Working Group, the CSO Platform will work with an independent consultant to conduct the work outlined in this ToR.

The CSO Platform seeks a consultant to help develop a **guide** for use by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) contributing to malaria elimination outreach—including interaction with individuals who are at risk of and previously diagnosed with vivax malaria-- at community level across the Greater Mekong Sub-region. Toward this goal, the CSO Platform will work with an independent consultant to:

- A. Review existing training materials developed for use in Myanmar and Cambodia with facility-based providers to identify content that can be adapted for use by community health workers supported by CSOs across the GMS;
- B. Review counselling messaging/approaches being trialled in Thailand to motivate treatment adherence and to manage appropriate responses to adverse events and identify content that can be adapted for use by community health workers supported by CSOs across the GMS;
- C. Compile an **illustrated guide** to inform training content and counselling tools developed and used by CSOs to equip community health workers to encourage treatment adherence and follow-up to monitor for adverse events. This will include i) illustrated training guide to address common questions about vivax and to emphasize the benefits of treatment adherence; and ii) an illustrated counselling guide for use by trained community health workers during follow-up sessions with clients diagnosed with vivax.

4. Specific requirements

Qualifications required: Advanced University degree in public health, communications or graphic design

Experience required:

- D. Experienced in social and behaviour change communications development/design and/or interactive training curriculum design.
- E. Based in one of the Mekong countries or experienced working in the Mekong
- F. Ability to produce high-quality outputs in a timely manner while understanding and anticipating the evolving platform needs
- G. Experience developing illustrated, participatory training and/or counselling tools; Ability to work independently
- H. Experience working collaboratively with a graphic design artist.

Language requirements: English

5. Reporting and technical supervision

The consultant will work closely with the ALIGHT CSO platform secretariat in Bangkok office and RAI RSC CSO representatives. Technical guidance may be provided by other advisors.

6. Deliverables

1. An illustrated training guide to address common questions about vivax (among community health workers and clients/community members they interact with) and to emphasize the benefits of treatment adherence as well as provide specific, practical tools to help individuals diagnosed with vivax remember to complete treatment;
2. An illustrated counselling guide for use by trained CHWs during follow-up sessions with clients diagnosed with vivax.

The guides should assist users address gender, social inclusivity and disability needs in the community.

7. Application instruction

The interested person or organization must submit the following documents either through mail to the Raprakan Kawphong (raprakank@wearealight.org)

- A. Expression of interest (email or letter)
- B. A proposal demonstrating your understanding of the assignment, methodology, timeline to develop the tool and proposed budget/daily rate (Maximum 4 pages)
- C. An up-to-date CV (maximum three pages)
- D. Sample of previous work

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