



## **Development of Preparedness and Response Plans for Zoonotic Diseases with Epidemic Potential - One Health Approach - Cabo Verde.**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Introduction and context**

Zoonotic diseases pose a growing threat to global, regional, and national public health due to increased interactions between humans, animals, and ecosystems, climate change, population mobility, and globalization. In Cabo Verde, the risk of introduction, emergence, or reemergence of zoonotic diseases with epidemic potential requires an integrated, proactive, and multisectoral approach.

According to the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) conducted in 2019, despite advances in surveillance and response to public health events, gaps remain in the existence, harmonization, and operationalization of specific preparedness and response plans for priority zoonotic diseases, as well as in coordination between the human, animal, environmental, and civil protection sectors.

With the support of the World Bank Group, through the HeSP Project - Health Security Program for West and Central Africa, a regional initiative aimed at strengthening the capacity of participating countries to prevent, detect, and respond to public health emergencies, including epidemic outbreaks and cross-border health threats, taking into account the "One Health" approach, there is a need to guide the development and implementation of integrated preparedness and response plans for zoonotic diseases

with epidemic potential, strengthening national preparedness, intersectoral coordination, and evidence-based decision-making.

In this context, it is necessary to hire an Individual International Consultant with proven experience in public health emergency preparedness and response and the One Health approach to provide technical support to the country in the development and implementation of these plans.

### **General Objective**

To support the Government of Cabo Verde in the development, harmonization, and implementation of national preparedness and response plans for zoonotic diseases with epidemic potential, strengthening the capacity for prevention, early detection, and coordinated response, within the framework of the "One Health" approach.

### **Specific Objectives**

- Develop or update specific preparedness and response plans for priority zoonotic diseases, in line with international standards (IHR, WHO, FAO, WOAHA).
- Define clear mechanisms for intersectoral coordination, including roles, responsibilities, and communication flows between the sectors involved.
- Integrate the plans developed into the operational mechanisms of CNOESP and INC-CV.
- Strengthen the technical capacities of national teams in planning, incident management, and response to zoonotic outbreaks.
- Test and validate plans through simulation and/or *tabletop exercises*.

### **Duration and modality**

The consulting service will last 45 working days, in person and remotely.

### **Methodology**

The approach will be participatory, practical, and results-oriented, including:

- Document review and analysis of the existing regulatory and operational framework;
- Technical working sessions with key institutions to gather input for improving the documents to be prepared;
- Simulation exercises to test the plans developed.

### Expected results

- Preparedness and response plans for zoonotic diseases developed or updated;
- Formalized and operational intersectoral coordination mechanisms;
- National capacities strengthened in preparedness and response to zoonotic outbreaks;
- Plans tested and validated through simulation exercises.

### Expected deliverables

Item	Deliverables	Delivery deadline	Payment percentage
D1	Work plan, indicative consulting schedule, and detailed methodological proposal	5 business days after signing the contract	15
D2	Draft of the preparation and response plan for zoonotic diseases	20 business days after D1	10
D3	Facilitation of a <i>workshop</i> to gather input for improving the Zoonotic Disease Preparedness and Response Plan	25 working days after validation of D1	15
D4	Proposal for formalized and Operational intersectoral coordination mechanisms;	35 working days after delivery and validation of D2	25
D5	Validation of the final version of the documents produced,	40 working days after delivery of D1	15

	including the improvement plan, with the national team.		
D6	Report and delivery of final products	45 working days after D1	20

**International Consultant Profile**

**Academic Qualifications**

- Minimum Master's degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Veterinary Medicine, Environmental Health, One Health, or related fields.

**Work Experience**

- Minimum of **10 years of relevant work experience** in:
  - Public health emergency preparedness and response;
  - Contingency planning and incident management;
  - Zoonotic diseases and One Health approach.
- Proven experience working with:
  - Low- and middle-income countries;
  - African or island contexts (preferred).

**Technical skills**

- Solid knowledge of IHR (2005), JEE, PHEOC/EOC, and HeSP frameworks.
- Proven ability to facilitate multisectoral collaboration and develop strategic plans.
- Strong analytical and technical writing skills.

**Languages**

- Fluency in written and spoken Portuguese.

**5. Availability**

Availability to work on-site in Cabo Verde during technical meetings and *workshops*.

**Type of contract**

The contract to be signed will be for a fixed amount. Remuneration payments are linked to the approval of deliverables, and the payment of reimbursable expenses is made upon presentation of receipts for expenses incurred at actual cost.

**Coordination and Supervision**

The consulting work will be monitored by a national team made up of members of the Multisectoral Commission of the "One Health" Platform, coordinated by the National Institute of Public Health, as the entity that hosts the "One Health" Approach.

In addition, it will report to the Special Projects Management Unit (UGPE) for matters relating to contract management.