

TORs for State Consultant Immunization

Qualifications and experience

Essential qualifications: MBBS

Desirable qualification: MD-PSM/DPH/MPH

Desirable experience: Three years' experience in health program management in government or semi government sector at block/district/state level. Experience in field of immunization and child health / RCH.

Job Description Responsibilities:

To assist the State EPI officer in implementation of the Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) surveillance program in the state and liaise with districts and Immunization Division/AEFI Secretariat and other stakeholders in states and districts to improve sensitivity of AEF-I surveillance at all levels in the state. Some of the key activities related to AEFI surveillance program in the state are as follows:

1. Assist SEPIO in strategic planning and management of AEFI activities including strengthening early detection and investigation of AEFI cases, follow up for completion of case records,
2. Support SEPIO to
 - a. ensure conduction of regular state AE-FI committee meetings,
 - b. follow up with districts for completion of AEF-I records for causality assessment
 - c. share causality assessment reports and meeting minutes with national level.
3. At state level,
 - a. Analyze state AEFI surveillance data and other analysis/feedback received from the national level for suggesting interventions to ensure better reporting, completion of case investigations and records, reducing number of non-reporting/silent districts, increasing reporting of hospitalised cases and recording, compilation and analysis of minor AEF1s, etc.
 - b. Coordinate with all stakeholders including state AEFI technical collaborating centres, drug regulators, Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centres, IAP, IMA, partner organisations, etc. for strengthening AEFI surveillance.

- c. Focus on municipal corporations, designated urban areas under Urban Health Mission for improving AEFI surveillance and functional urban AEFI committees
 - d. Track district AEFI committee meetings and share tracking tool with SEPIO and State AEFI Committee for corrective actions
 - e. Ensure implementation of Quality Management System for AEFI surveillance in districts and state leading to certification
 - f. Oversee smooth implementation of SAFE-vac in coordination with districts and national level
 - g. Ensure operationalization of AEFI registers in planning units
 - h. Monitoring and implementation of continuous capacity building activities for District Immunization Officers (DIO), data entry operators, MOs, HWs and other frontline workers for AEFI surveillance activities.
4. In case of crisis, assist SEPIO in organizing/supporting special case investigations, coordinate implementation of crisis communication protocol including media management of AEF-I cases
 5. Undertake field visits to districts for monitoring AEFI activities, provide feedback to the State EPI Officer (SEPIO).
 6. Co-ordinate with the Immunization Division/ Senior Zonal AE-FI Consultants/AEFI Secretariat regarding issues/challenges related to AE-FI surveillance processes.

Remuneration: Rs. 60,000/- to Rs. 80,000/- per month as per NHM norms.