

# **Terms of Reference for the recruitment of a National Consultant to Prepare and Finalize the Report of the Rwanda rapid Assistive Technology Assessment (rATA)**

## **1. Background and Purpose**

In November-December 2021, the Rwanda Biomedical Centre , Ministry of health, with the technical and financial support of the World Health Organization, conducted its first rapid Assistive Technology Assessment (rATA). The overall objective of Rwanda rATA is to obtain national data on access to Assistive Technology (AT) in the population of Rwanda -mapping of need, demand, supply, and user satisfaction with Assistive Technology. The following were specific objectives:

- To describe and understand access to Assistive Products: Current use of AT overall and for specific products.
- To provide data on the prevalence of functional limitations in Rwanda to help plan, prioritise and plan AT services provision or procurement.
- To provide data on unmet needs for AT and specific products and advocate for governments and civil society on the needs and unmet needs for AT.
- To complement advocacy messaging on AT.
- To evaluate user satisfaction with the quality and utility of AT services and products.
- Document supply and funding mechanisms in use for AT provision in Rwanda.

## **2. Justification**

After data collection for the Rwanda rATA, the World Health Organization provided a summary of the assessment with the estimates of access to Assistive Products: Current use of AT overall and for specific products; the prevalence of functional limitations in Rwanda and user satisfaction.

While the support of the World Health Organization in data collection activities allowed Rwanda to achieve preliminary milestones in understanding the use of AT services and products in

Rwanda, it did not support the analysis and interpretation of the results and country report writing. This is due to the fact that the funding from the WHO for the activity ended (December 2021) before the consultant started data analysis and reporting writing. The report is a key tool to increase understanding on the un/met needs for AT, and help the government to prioritise and plan for AT services and procurement, in order to address unmet needs for AT overall and for specific products. The report will also support in advocacy to government and civil society on the needs and unmet needs for AT, will help to evaluate user satisfaction with the quality and utility of AT services and products.

To fill in these remaining gaps, CHAI Rwanda plans to support this activity that comprises of data analysis and report writing, and is looking for a National Consultant to review analyses of Rwanda rATA assessment performed by the World Health Organization, interpret results and write a national rATA report, considering the Rwanda context.

### **3. Tasks and Deliverables**

The National Consultant is expected to carry out the following tasks:

- **Task 1:** Review the World Health Organization's analyses of the Rwanda rATA data.
- **Task 2:** Analyze and interpret the findings to describe the context prevalence and unmet needs of AT services and products in Rwanda.
- **Task 3:** Discuss the study findings and propose relevant action points that must be undertaken after the first Rwanda rATA.

#### Key deliverables:

- First draft of the full Rwanda rATA report for review and feedback from technical team;
- PowerPoint presentation of the Rwanda rATA initial key results;
- Final Rwanda rATA Report (after integrating comments and inputs of the technical team);
- Final Rwanda rATA Rwanda rATA report + PowerPoint presentation (after integrating comments and inputs of the technical team);

### **4. Duration**

The maximum duration of the consultant is 15 working days.

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Timeline/Due date</b>
1. Analyze and interpret the findings on un/met needs for AT	First draft of the full Rwanda rATA report	5 days after the contract signature
2. Propose and develop action plans for next steps	First draft of the full Rwanda rATA report and PPT presentation on summary of findings	3 days after receiving feedback from review by the MoH technical
Discuss the study findings and propose relevant action points that must be undertaken after the first Rwanda rATA.	Final Rwanda rATA Report+ PowerPoint presentation	7 days after final review and inputs of MoH technical team

## 5. Eligibility

The selection of successful candidate will be based on the following criteria:

- Minimum qualifications: Master's Degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Global Health, Demography, Biostatistics or any related field.
- Experience in conducting research.
- Experience in research reports writing.
- Having participated in previous rATA data collection exercise would be an added value.