



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON CHOLERA CONTROL

Global Task Force on Cholera Control Country Support Platform

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Country Support Platform (CSP) is an operational entity that leads the multi sectoral support that the GTFCC provides to countries for the implementation of their National Control Plans (NCPs). The CSP ensures that activities are conducted in close adherence with the *global 2030 ending cholera roadmap*.

Under the guidance of the GTFCC Secretariat:

- The CSP coordinates technical assistance (short, medium and long term) to countries, the delivery of commodities, advocacy and fundraising for the NCPs, monitoring & evaluation of national plans, and the implementation of research projects.
- The CSP manages the short, medium and long-term deployment of GTFCC multi-sectoral expertise in countries, including for advocacy, coordination and policy guidance.

The CSP is hosted by a partner agency and operates under GTFCC Secretariat leadership and coordination.

2. Overall objective

The Country Support Platform provides the multisectoral operational support and advocacy, coordination and policy guidance necessary for countries to develop, fund, implement and monitor their NCPs effectively, ensuring consistency and alignment with the *global 2030 ending cholera roadmap*.

3. Functions

Mobilization and coordination of technical expertise

- Mobilize experts from GTFCC partner organizations and beyond to support the development and implementation of multisectoral NCPs. This will be done in agreement with national governments and partners across sectors and it will be well-articulated with the global strategy.
- Mobilize international project managers (“GTFCC cholera focal points”) for long term deployments in countries to support the coordination of NCPs, integrated within national coordinating mechanisms, and provide them with guidance and support in all aspects of cholera control.
- Provide technical expertise on all aspects of cholera control, particularly on WaSH, OCV and surveillance while building upon local capacities at all levels.
- Build the capacities of the countries to implement multi-sectoral, integrated interventions for cholera control.

- Support countries to ensure high quality applications for accessing the OCV stockpile and other required multi-sectoral inputs and make necessary revisions and adjustments according to context as needed.
- Reinforce surveillance capacities, including laboratories, in countries, focusing on cholera hotspots.
- Supply with commodities to reinforce country capacities on surveillance (diagnostic supplies).
- Map and regularly update cholera risk in country by precisely updating cholera hotspots, and map corresponding cholera services including WASH coverage and access to clinical facilities.
- Support the implementation of the cholera research projects in line with the research agenda developed by the working groups.
- Coordinate the assistance provided independently by GTFCC partner organizations at the country level.
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures and training of experts of the GTFCC partner organizations deployed to support countries in order to standardize multi-sectoral practices, in coordination with the working groups.

Advocacy and fundraising / management

- Support the development of national investment cases for cholera control.
- Establish and manage a dedicated funding mechanism to support the implementation of countries' NCPs.

4. Requirements for the hosting institution

- The CSP will preferably be based in Geneva to facilitate the coordination with the GTFCC Secretariat and with the WHO cholera program.
- The host organization should have strong country presence, particularly in cholera endemic countries.
- The GTFCC partner organization hosting the CSP will act as a mere host for the CSP. The CSP will be responsible for advocating and fundraising for the GTFCC.
- The CSP should be fully capacitated to manage funds, contract and deploy staff in countries using simple, quick and cost effective administrative procedures. The security and conduct of staff in countries should be covered by the CSP.

5. Structure

At full scale, it is expected that the CSP would have between 5 and 7 full-time equivalent (FTE) based in its headquarters and an additional 5 to 10 FTE staff based in selected countries or sub-regions ("GTFCC cholera focal points").

The in-country or sub-regional staff will be hired by the organization hosting the CSP and deployed at country level to oversee the development, validation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of NCPs. The GTFCC cholera focal points will support national authorities and work within the governmental institutions. They may be positioned at the country or sub-regional level according to the needs, with high level of flexibility. In country, they will be hosted by the institution hosting the CSP, or alternatively, by any other GTFCC institution. It is expected that the GTFCC cholera focal point will remain in support of the country program for a period of one to two years as a minimum.

6. Budget

The estimated annual budget of the CSP at full scale is \$ 6M. The budget includes staff time, consultancy work and travels as requested by countries to assist with developing, implementing and monitoring NCPs.