



Call for consultancy: Senior National Consultant for EBS/IBS TOT Training and Surveillance Guidance

1. Detailed Description of Tasks to be Performed:

FHI 360 is a nonprofit organization that mobilizes research, resources, and relationships so that people everywhere can access the opportunities they need to lead full, healthy lives. FHI 360 serves more than 70 countries and all U.S. states and territories.

Funded by the U.S. Government, the Strengthening Infectious Disease Detection Systems (STRIDES) Activity aims to advance Vietnam's capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats through enhanced surveillance systems, laboratory networks, workforce development, multisectoral coordination, and evidence-based decision-making. STRIDES supports Vietnam's efforts to advance national health security priorities and strengthen preparedness for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

Within this scope, STRIDES supports Vietnam in strengthening public health surveillance, including Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) and Indicator-Based Surveillance (IBS). Key technical priorities include strengthening EBS/IBS training resources, developing epidemiological decision rules to support AI-assisted EBS signal triage, and contributing to the refinement of national EBS and risk assessment guidance.

STRIDES is seeking a Senior National Consultant for EBS/IBS Training and Surveillance Guidance to provide targeted technical expertise in these areas. The consultant will support the development and finalization of the EBS/IBS Training of Trainers (TOT) package, develop an epidemiological logic framework and a curated dataset to support AI-assisted EBS, and provide technical recommendations on relevant national surveillance guidance in line with MOH policy and regulatory requirements.

2. Objectives:

The overall objective of this consultancy is to strengthen the technical quality, consistency, and practical applicability of EBS/IBS training resources, AI-assisted EBS decision support, and relevant surveillance guidance.

Specifically, the consultant will be responsible for the following key functional areas:

- Develop and finalize the EBS/IBS TOT training plan, including agenda and a package incorporating technical input from the STRIDES team and feedback from selected provincial stakeholders.
- Develop an epidemiological logic framework and a curated dataset of classified infectious disease signals to support AI-assisted EBS signal triage, pattern recognition, and verification.
- Provide technical comments and recommendations to support the refinement of national EBS guidance and the risk assessment guideline.

3. Scope of work and expected deliverables:

#	Tasks	Expected deliverables	LOE (days)	Due date
1	Conduct technical discussions with the STRIDES team to develop the training outline and plan, and co-facilitate post-training consultations to gather provincial feedback and finalize the package.	Draft EBS/IBS TOT training outline and training plan, incorporating consolidated STRIDES feedback Revised and finalized EBS/IBS TOT training package, incorporating consolidated feedback and ready for use.	9	15 Dec 2026
2	Define clear criteria to classify infectious disease signals from news, social media, and videos into three categories: true threats, potential risks to consider, and noise to ignore. Transfer epidemiological logic to the eBS AI to automate signal triage, pattern recognition, and verification	A comprehensive epidemiological logic framework (decision rules) for AI integration. A curated training dataset of classified disease signals (true, consider, ignore).	3	30 Nov 2026
3	Review and provide technical recommendations on national EBS guidance and the risk assessment guideline to support their refinement.	Consolidated technical comments and recommendations on the draft national EBS guidance and risk assessment guideline.	5	30 Dec 2026
		Total	17	

Location of work

Hanoi, Vietnam.

Travel

The consultant is expected to travel to sites when needed.

Qualifications

- Advanced degree (PhD, or Medical Doctor) in public health, epidemiology, preventive medicine, or a related field (20 points).
- Demonstrated experience in infectious disease prevention and control, public health emergency preparedness and response, disease surveillance systems, policy analysis and/or development of national technical guidelines, circulars, action plans, or decrees related to communicable diseases, border health quarantine, and health information systems (20 points).
- Practical knowledge and hands-on experience with Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) and Indicator-Based Surveillance (IBS) systems, including data management, statistical analysis, health dashboard development, health risk assessments (e.g., sudden outbreaks, biological disasters), and multi-hazard emergency response frameworks (30 points).
- Strong capacity to engage, liaise, and coordinate with high-level government entities and multi-sectoral stakeholders (e.g., health, veterinary, and environmental sectors) at both national and sub-national levels (10 points).
- Strong data synthesis, training delivery capacity, analytical and technical report writing skills (10 points).
- Excellent written and spoken both in English and Vietnamese (10 points).

Evaluation Criteria



Applications will be evaluated based on the applicants' experience and qualifications as detailed above.

Required Documentation

Proposals must include the following components:

- Applicant's CV and highest-level degree
- Letter of interest that briefs relevant qualification and experience
- Proposed daily rate
- FHI 360 [Biodata form](#)

Application

- Application to this call should be submitted by email to procurementvietnam@fhi360.org no later than **5PM October 30, 2026** with subject line "STRIDES-ConsultantEBS/IBS Training, Surveillance Guidance"
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Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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