Consultancy for the Global Oxygen Alliance's Internal M&E

System and Oxygen Data Mapping

Reference	RFP/CHAI/GO2AL-WG5
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Proposal Submission Deadline	5PM, Central European Time (CET), May 9, 2025
Anticipated Start Date	As soon as possible.

Overview

Purpose

CHAI is seeking to hire a consultant to support the Global Oxygen Alliance's (GO₂AL) Strategic Information Working Group on two projects:

- 1) Develop GO₂AL's Internal monitoring, evaluation and accountability system
- 2) Mapping of oxygen data and information systems

Timeline: starting immediately for approximately 4-6 months (75-100% LOE)

Location: Remote; reliable internet access required. The consultant is expected to be available (for at least a 4-hour time frame) for meetings during the 9am-5pm CET Monday-Friday.

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic caused widespread oxygen shortages across Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. As part of the pandemic response, the Access to Covid Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) partnership, launched by the World Health Organization, established the <u>ACT-A Oxygen</u> <u>Emergency Taskforce</u> in February 2021 to coordinate and advocate for increased access to oxygen supplies. As the world transitioned from the acute phase of the pandemic, the ACT-A-Oxygen Emergency Taskforce evolved into the <u>Global Oxygen Alliance</u> (GO₂AL) - a multistakeholder collaborative launched in May 2023 with a mission to increase access to oxygen by harnessing partnerships to do more together than alone.

With this transition GO₂AL will coordinate members to collaborate and co-create/co-implement activities to contribute to closing the global oxygen funding and access gap. This includes driving key objectives on investment consolidation and sustainability; procurement, supply chain and market shaping; country planning and implementation and advocacy and demand generation; with a focus in LMICs.

In addition, GO₂AL will take a more inclusive and planned approach which will emphasize the importance of assessing oxygen and oxygen systems needs at the country, regional, and global levels through key partner engagement, particularly with countries, civil society, and communities, to facilitate bottom-up planning and programming. Moreover, GO₂AL will strongly position and advocate for sustainable oxygen systems as an essential building block for health system strengthening, universal health coverage, and pandemic preparedness and response.

GO₂AL also recently commissioned and launched the <u>Global Oxygen Strategic Framework and</u> <u>Investment Case 2025-2030</u> as a resource to all stakeholders about how to strengthen oxygen systems in LMICs and to highlight why investing in oxygen can be extremely cost-effective – making it a "best-buy" for donors, especially for protecting children.

GO₂AL is co-chaired by Unitaid and The Global Fund, and vice-chaired by the Pan America Health Organization and the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention. GO₂AL is coordinated by Unitaid, WHO, and UNICEF.

One of GO₂AL's five working groups is the <u>Strategic Information Working Group</u> (WG) which aims to meaningfully generate and use strategic information This working group will support prioritized countries to strengthen data and monitoring systems and ultimately contribute to the increased availability and meaningful use of high-quality oxygen data and information at the national to global levels. This working group will also monitor and evaluate the progress of GO₂AL.

Duties and Deliverables

The consultant will work under the guidance of GO₂AL's Strategic Information WG co-leads/focal point, as well as all WG co-leads/focal points and Leadership Committee when relevant to ensure that both projects are designed and developed with **meaningful inputs and/or co-creation by members of the WG**, or across all five WGs as relevant.

Project #1) Develop GO₂AL's Internal Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability system

Objective: To design a co-created and practical Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability (MEA) system that aligns with GO₂AL's Operational Plan (2025-2030). The system should enable GO₂AL to effectively track, evaluate and report progress against its strategic objectives in both the short- and long-term capturing inputs, outputs, outcomes, and impact, and support decision-making, accountability, and fundraising efforts.

Scope and Key Considerations

- The MEA will focus exclusively on GO₂AL's activities and responsibilities. It will not cover the individual oxygen-related initiatives of member organizations.
- The framework should be designed with future donor reporting and resource mobilization needs in mind—ensuring relevant data is captured from the outset.
- The system should be simple, practical, and user-friendly, avoiding unnecessary complexity and data burden.

- MEA tools and processes should foster accountability and data-informed decision-making across GO₂AL's cross-cutting initiatives and working groups.
- The framework must:
 - Assess both technical outcomes (e.g., improved oxygen access) and partnership performance (e.g., collaboration, decision-making, governance).
 - Track how resources are used to deliver results and contribute to closing the oxygen access gap.
 - \circ Evaluate the effectiveness of GO₂AL as a multi-stakeholder partnership (MSP) in its coordination and co-creation function.
 - Include criteria for when internal vs. external evaluations should be conducted.
 - Be designed with data needs for both internal learning and donor/fundraising reporting in mind.
- The system must:
 - Include clear metrics, KPIs, and data collection methods, along with user-friendly M&E tools and a basic data management system.
 - Be simple, streamlined, and practical—avoiding excessive burden on staff and members.
 - Foster accountability, learning, and meaningful use of data across GO₂AL's crosscutting work and working groups.
 - Be adaptable to GO₂AL's current operating environment (non-legal entity, limited seed funding, and in-kind member support).

Key deliverables will include:

- 1. MEA Framework and Plan, with a logic model/theory of change, KPIs, Data Collection & Analysis Methods.
- 2. Practical tools/templates for data collection.
- 3. Guidance Manual or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) with Step-by-step instructions for using the MEA system and reporting tools, including guidance for internal and external evaluation

Project #2) Mapping of oxygen data and information systems

Objective:

To conduct a comprehensive internal mapping of existing oxygen-related data and information systems, establishing a baseline for the Strategic Information Working Group (WG5). This baseline will help identify key data assets, gaps, interoperability issues, and opportunities for improved datadriven decision-making to guide GO₂AL's strategic planning and advocacy.

Project Scope and Activities:

- **Define Objectives & Scope**: At inception, the consultant should support in clarifying the purpose of the mapping—e.g., to assess data on oxygen availability, funding gaps, logistics and distribution efficiency, usage trends, or quality control or all. Determine the geographic scope (e.g., country-specific, regional, or global).
- **Stakeholder Consultations:** Conduct interviews with GO₂AL members and other relevant external stakeholders to validate assumptions and gather insights.

- **Inventory of Existing Data Sources**: Compile a list of relevant databases, repositories, indicators, data formats, and reporting guidelines currently in use.
- **System Interoperability Analysis**: Assess how well different systems integrate and share data—both at country and global levels. Identify barriers to effective data sharing.
- **Data Quality and Gap Assessment**: Review the availability, completeness, accuracy, and timeliness of data. Identify reasons for gaps or inconsistencies.
- **Mapping of Data Flows:** Visualize how data moves along the oxygen system—e.g., from production to delivery to point-of-use. Identify current and potential data collection points.
- Identify Key Metrics and Indicators: Highlight key data points and key performance indicators (KPIs) relevant to oxygen access and systems, including those aligned with global or regional standards based on the analysis above.
- **Review of Technological Infrastructure**: Analyze the tools/platforms used for logistics, inventory tracking, quality monitoring, and data dashboards.
- **Recommendations and Action Plan**: Provide strategic and practical recommendations to improve data use, integration, and reporting. Outline potential pathways to create or contribute to a centralized internal or external repository that supports GO₂AL outputs such as The Global State of Oxygen Report, Country roadmap development, and Evidence-informed advocacy efforts
- **Validation and Feedback**: Present findings and draft recommendations to WG5 for review, discussion, and refinement.

Key deliverables will include:

- 1. **Inception report**: outlining the approach, scope, stakeholder engagement strategy, and data collection/analysis methods.
- 2. Mapping of Data and Data Systems addressing the scope of work agreed
- **3.** Recommendations and Action Plan, including potential next steps to support an internal or external data repository for GO2AL products (e.g., Global State of Oxygen Report, country roadmaps, advocacy etc.).
- 4. Validation & Feedback Session

The incumbent will work under the direction of the GO₂AL's WG5 Strategic Information co-leads and focal point. The consultant will report to the co-lead in Unitaid. The incumbent will not be required to travel.

Qualifications, Experience, Skills, and Languages

Essential Education: University degree in public health, business or public administration, data sciences or social sciences from an accredited/recognized institute.

Desirable: Advanced university degree; Specific studies in research methods, monitoring or evaluations, program management and information management.

Required Experience:

- At least 7 years' related experience in monitoring and evaluation, and program management
- At least 5 years of experience in data analysis both quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Documented achievements in leading on the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluations, reporting and accountability systems.
- Demonstrated experience in external and donor reporting
- Experience working in the medical oxygen space in LMICs.

Desirable Experience:

- Experience managing multi-stakeholder partnerships, including engaging diverse actors such as governments, UN agencies, civil society, NGOs, and donors.
- Proven experience in program/project management, policy development, and stakeholder coordination in the field of global/public health or development.
- Experience working at the country level, particularly in LMICs.

Required Skills:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and fluency in English.
- Strong interpersonal, representational and organizational skills, with proven ability to facilitate and strengthen the involvement and collaboration of a broad range of internal and external partners.
- Strong planning, organizational, and project/program management skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team to deliver high impact results.
- Demonstrated analytical skills, with the ability to analyze complex problems.

Desirable Skill:

Knowledge of other UN languages, such as French or Spanish, are an added advantage

How to Apply

Interested candidates must submit their proposal containing the following documents to gemprocurement@clintonhealthaccess.org by 5PM CET, May 9th, 2025.

- Curriculum vitae/resume with references included.
- Detailed description of previous similar work
- Proposed budget for the work linked to the deliverables outlined in the scope of work, please include consultant rates.
- All submissions must include **RFP/CHAI/GO2AL-WG5** in the subject line.

Evaluation Process

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

• Resume/CV and references

Respondents will be evaluated on their qualifications, capabilities, and capacity. This includes a demonstrated history of work related to the posted scope of work.

• Proposed Approach, Timelines, and Methodology

Interviews will be conducted in a panel setting, and a technical exercise may be issued prior to interview. Respondents will be assessed based on the strength and feasibility of their proposed approach and methodology.

• Proposed Budget

Respondents will be evaluated on the cost effectiveness of their proposed budget.