

Call for Consultant – Global Climate and Health Alliance

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Title: *Consultant: Methane and Health Reports*

Location: Remote

Scope: Produce two-three reports, Feb-Jul 2023

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About GCHA: The Global Climate and Health Alliance (GCHA) works at the forefront of a growing global movement of health professionals and organizations dedicated to promoting a healthy, equitable and sustainable future for all. We address the climate crisis through evidence-based advocacy, policy, engagement, research and communications. With 130+ organizational members, the Alliance co-chairs the WHO-Civil Society Working Group on Climate & Health, and collaborates with organizations and agencies around the world to bring influential health voices to national and international debates on climate change and development.

Position in Brief:

We are looking for a dynamic consultant with experience developing evidence-based, policy/advocacy-oriented reports on issues at the intersection of climate change and health, in particular air pollution, SLCPs, methane, the health harms of fossil fuels, health co-benefits of mitigation strategies, sustainable food systems & healthy food, and waste management.

GCHA's Methane & Health Initiative

This consultancy is part of GCHA's initiative *Methane Mitigation: A Global Health Strategy* and will support increased global and regional/national understanding by the health community and the public of the intersection of methane and health, with the goal of driving policy action on methane via strategies that deliver direct benefits and co-benefits for health.

The recent reports from the IPCC make clear: climate action is not on track. The climate crisis exacerbates economic and social inequities, and threatens to roll back 50 years of gains in global health. Without accelerated action from governments, we face catastrophic climate impacts and will fail to preserve a livable home for humanity. Ambitious climate action offers the chance to improve people's health with cleaner air, healthier foods, livable cities, and cleaner energy and transport systems. Health professionals are the right messengers to make the health argument for accelerated action. In this context, mitigating methane represents a key strategy to reduce near-term global warming, while buying essential time as additional mitigation strategies take

effect. Currently, however, the health community has a limited understanding of methane, its role in climate change, and the relationship of top methane mitigation strategies to health.

Role of the Methane & Health Reports

In this context, the Methane & Health Reports will provide the core initial publications for GCHA's stakeholders to understand the importance for global health of rapidly mitigating methane; the health benefits and health co-benefits of key methane mitigation strategies across the primary sources of methane: fossil fuels, agriculture, and waste; and the political and policy landscape for addressing methane. The reports will identify strategic geographies for health engagement on these strategies. And by incorporating qualitative interviews to bring a human 'voice' to the issues; clear, compelling writing; and engaging layout and design, these publications will anchor GCHA's communications, advocacy, and mobilization strategies.

The content and findings of these reports will anchor and form the basis of a set of creative social media-oriented video shorts; a set of infographics; talking points; media and social media report launches; and workshops to engage health groups, interested in these issues, in key geographies.

See other GCHA reports:

- [The Limits of Livability](#): The emerging threat of smoke impacts on health from forest fires and climate change
- [Cradle to Grave](#): The health harms of fossil fuel dependence and the case for a just phase out

Key Deliverables:

- **March:** Report outlines and research project plan. List of proposed key informants for qualitative interviews.
- **April-May:** Draft reports, ~2 rounds, and management of internal and external review. Zoom recordings of qualitative interviews.
- **May-June:** Final text of three reports.
- **June-July:** (with GCHA team) Final designed reports, infographics, videos, and talking points. Consultant will provide feedback on report design and supporting materials.

Responsibilities:

- With methane & health project director, develop concept, outlines, and project plan for the reports.
- Conduct desk research to gather the evidence-base on the intersection of methane and health in connection with the three key sources of methane emissions: fossil fuels; agriculture; and waste.
- Identify key policy opportunities to address the intersection of methane and health, and key/strategic regions or countries, for each type of emission source.
- Conduct qualitative interviews via zoom to bring human 'voices' into the reports, complementing the desk research. Record zoom interviews and secure interviewee permissions to use video material to create report collateral (social media video short).
- Join project director in meetings with other actors in the methane and health space, to gather additional perspectives and insights relevant to the reports.

- In collaboration with others on the GCHA team, support reports' graphic design, and development of infographics. Develop talking points based on each report's findings.
- Meet regularly with Methane & Health project director to provide progress updates.

Consultant qualifications & skills:

- University or higher degree with focus in relevant field of study.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in climate mitigation and health.
- Track record of developing reports and/or publications at the intersection of climate and health and closely related issues, including experience in writing compelling evidence-to-policy/advocacy material;
- Specific experience on SLCPs, methane, and health, or on methane mitigation policy, is a strong plus;
- Excellent writing skills in the preparation of policy briefs, technical reports, peer reviewed publications, etc. for a health audience.
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to successfully manage research and writing project and meet deadlines;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, suited to conducting interviews and participating in meetings with international key informants and partners;
- Excellent written communications in English.
- Solid knowledge of Google drive, Microsoft Word, and Zotero citation software.

Additional information about the position:

- This is an entirely remote position.
- This contract will require meeting weekly to biweekly with Methane & Health project director at a mutually agreed time between 9:00am-5:00pm Pacific Standard Time (San Francisco) between Monday-Thursday. It will also require attending a few meetings at times set by other stakeholders in methane and health space.
- This is a consultant position and you will provide your own computer, materials and supplies.

How to Apply:

Please apply using this form: <https://forms.gle/XdpmqbEHuJ57DnHBA>

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. Inquiries will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.