The White Ribbon Alliance (WRA) (www.whiteribbonalliance.org) is a global network of maternal health advocates campaigning for more resources and the right policies to prevent the deaths of women in pregnancy and childbirth, while holding governments and politicians to account for their promises of action. WRA seeks a Maternal Health Indicator Mapping Consultant to work with staff of the Global Secretariat from October 2017 – March 2018.

Applications are welcomed from consultants familiar with global health indicators and country data collection systems. Ideally, the consultant will have experience working with Ministries of Health and/or Offices of National Statistics on indicator development, testing or tracking of indicators.

Activity Background:

The White Ribbon Alliance (WRA) is part of a consortium of partners that have recently received funding to conduct activities to improve measurement capacity for maternal health through development and validation of priority indicators to inform global standards, and to provide support to countries for their adoption and use. The initiative is led by the Women and Health Initiative (W&HI) at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Harvard Chan) and carried out by the coalition of partner organizations that make up the Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM) Working Group:

- FCI Program of Management Sciences for Health (FCI/MSH)
- Jhpiego, Johns Hopkins University
- Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP)
- Maternal Health Task Force (MHTF)/Women & Health Initiative (W&HI), Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- UNICEF
- US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- White Ribbon Alliance (WRA)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

The ultimate goal of this project is to provide the much-needed knowledge; research and evaluation data; and validated tools in the most effective and timely way possible to enhance measurement capacity so that country and global stakeholders are fully prepared to undertake these efforts in support of ending preventable maternal mortality.

Responsibilities: The key deliverable of this consultancy is to produce a mapping of current use of indicators for maternal health monitoring in 20 countries. The focus is on both proximal indicators (health) and distal indicators (social determinants). This information will be used to inform indicator development, contribute to learning and sharing, and identify innovations and country leadership on

particular topic areas across EPMM strategies. The process for initiating this work will include engaging UN agencies, development partners, and governments in reviewing current indicators and monitoring plans. Specifically, the consultant will work collaboratively with WRA and partners to:

- Develop definitions and parameters for mapping of indicators
- Conduct a desk review of current indicators and monitoring plans available in the public domain
- Develop a strategy, questionnaire and survey/tool to be used by in-country partners
- Work with national partners/networks to liaise with Ministry of Health, Office of National Statistics and other relevant stakeholders to collect relevant inputs
- Conduct interviews with global and country partners and stakeholders
- Collate responses
- Produce summary documents, including highlighting countries that are collecting EPMM priority indicators for sharing of best practices and advocacy

Qualifications:

The ideal consultant will have:

- Previous experience working with foreign Ministries of Health and/or Offices of National Statistics on indicator development, testing or tracking of indicators
- An understanding of HMIS systems and practices in different country contexts
- Familiarity with global indicator frameworks for health/maternal health
- Successful experience working collaboratively, in partnership with other organizations
- A strong track record of working as an independent consultant

Duration of assignment: October 2017 - March 2018

Level of effort: Approximately 15 hours/week on average over a period of up to 5 months up to a maximum of 40 days.

Location: TBD: Washington, DC or off site

Contact: Interested candidates should e-mail their resume and cover letter to hr@whiteribbonalliance.org with the subject line: Maternal Health Indicator Mapping Consultant. No phone calls please. Please note that qualified candidates must hold legal status and authorization to work in the U.S.

This position is open until filled.