


TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

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Hiring Office:	United Nations Fund for Population Activities Arab States Regional Office Youth Unit
Purpose of consultancy:	<p>The Middle East and North Africa region has the lowest HIV prevalence in the world (less than 0.1%) with 240,000 people recorded to be living with HIV in 2018. While HIV prevalence is thought to be limited in the region, concentrated epidemics are starting to show up in several countries among the key population (UNAIDS 'AIDSinfo' February 2019), UNAIDS 'Miles to go: global AIDS update 2018.)</p> <p>Despite its low prevalence, the region is an area of increasing concern. Around 8,400 people died of an AIDS-related illness in 2018 as a result of very poor access to antiretroviral treatment (ART), with only 32% of those needing ART having access – far below the global level of 59%.</p> <p>In 2018, there was estimated to be 20,000 new HIV infections across the region. These were concentrated among people from key population groups such as sex workers, people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men and all of whom face criminalization, stigma and discrimination. Common routes of transmission in this region vary between countries.</p> <p>Although substantial progress has been made in understanding HIV epidemic in recent years, knowledge of this region's epidemic is comparatively limited in terms of HIV and AIDS data.</p> <p>The major concerns in the Arab Region include but not limited to, cultural norms political uprisings and conflicts in a number of countries in the region which undermined efforts to tackle the HIV epidemic in this region: Lack of data and effective HIV surveillance systems to enable them to track epidemic, still limited access to HIV testing and counselling as well as treatment and care services. In addition to that criminalization and discrimination toward key population groups and Lack of legal framework that apply human rights principles in HIV responses, access to sex education in the region , are also factors that reinforce the vulnerability of people living with HIV. .</p> <p>To contribute to global efforts to fight HIV, UNFPA ASRO (Youth & HIV/AIDS unit) is planning in 2020 to develop a paper on HIV/AIDS in the Arab region. This paper will document situation of HIV/AIDS in the region including key population issues, achievements, challenges in terms of access to HIV related prevention, treatment and care services , availability of data, stigma and discrimination, lessons learned and strategic role that should UNFPA play in this area.</p> <p>For this purpose, a consultant will be hired to develop this position to be utilized as an advocacy tool.</p>
Scope of work:	<p>the consultant should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a plan for developing the position paper. This plan should be discussed and agreed with ASRO youth unit. - Ensure an substantial literature review of the most recent

(Description of services, activities, or outputs)	<p>available references and sources of information in the area of HIV/AIDS, SRH and other relevant strategic frameworks in order to be in line with UNFPA vision: UNFPA commitments towards young people, ICPD, Nairobi commitments, UNAIDS framework, ...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop the position paper - Facilitate a webinar with Youth & HIV/AIDS programme officers/Focal points; Representatives from YPEER and other Youth Networks and Other relevant Partners to present the paper for review and validation - Revise the position paper taking into account comments and suggestions provided during webinar - Share the final versions with Youth unit
Deliverables	A position paper developed
Duration and working schedule:	<p>Contract dates: the duration of the contract is for 15 days between June 20, 2020 to July 30, 2020.</p> <p>The payment should be as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20% following the approval of the Paper's Plan/Outline. - 40% following development and sharing of the draft position paper - 40% following the validation by Youth & HIV/AIDS unit of the final revised version of the position paper.
Place where services are to be delivered:	The consultancy shall be conducted remotely
Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):	The position paper should be validated and shared no later than July 30, 2020. To support this process, UNFPA ASRO, will involve youth programme officers/Focal points from the countries. Their role will be to review and validate the paper with the consultant.
Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline	The Youth & HIV/AIDS Team will work closely with consultant to ensure the deadlines and content of the paper meet the requirements.
Supervisory arrangements:	Consultant will be working in close cooperation with Youth & HIV/AIDS programme specialist and under the overall supervision of the Advisor.
Expected travel:	Not required
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First university degree along with post graduate degree in medical sciences, public health, social science or related field. - Minimum of 8 years of relevant professional experience in social sciences or related fields. - Working with UN or INGO in the area of HIV will be an asset - Experience in conducting trainings, training of trainers workshops - Previous experience with focus on youth and SRH/HIV aspects is considered as an asset - Excellent analytical and writing skills, - Familiarity with the mandate of UNFPA - Very good command in English and Arabic both oral and written
Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g. support services, office space, equipment), if	None required

applicable:	
Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:	Payment of consultancy to be covered by UBRAF project COA: RARB8YTH- XXXXXX - XXXX - 18000 - PU0074- 71300
Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office:	
Date:	29 may 2020