

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

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Hiring Office:	UNFPA Arab States Regional Office (ASRO)
Purpose of consultancy:	<p>To develop the Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) technical content for the planned development of a smartphone application targeting young persons with disabilities in the form of key sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (SRH & RR) topics in Arabic and English. For example: signs of puberty for males/females, what to expect during the adolescence process, personal hygiene... etc.</p> <p>Background Despite the fact that the Arab region has experienced significant positive strides across several social development dimensions and narrowing a multitude of development gaps; however, bridging these development gaps in a shared framework to put the imperative to combat inequalities and discrimination through integrated programming aimed at leaving no one behind remains a challenge.</p> <p>The vulnerability of persons with disabilities increases as they often experience exclusion from sexual and reproductive health initiatives and services, gender-related programmes and services, education and information. Young people with disabilities face significant barriers to access information, education and services that are adequate, comprehensive and free of prejudice and discrimination. At the same time, unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, harassment and sexual/reproductive and gender and age-related violence, to which many young persons with disabilities are exposed, are a major threat to their personal development, health and life quality.</p> <p>Although the global average prevalence of disabilities is 15.1%, in the Arab region it is expected to be higher as a result of the ongoing conflicts and the increased size of the elderly population that is normally associated with higher prevalence of disabilities. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that the Eastern Mediterranean region is host to around 100 million persons with moderate to severe disabilities in 2020. In Syria for example, up to 27% of people aged 12 and above were found to have a disability, with slight variations between population groups. For internally displaced persons (IDPs), 36% of those under 12 suffered from a disability in 2019.</p>
Scope of work: <i>(Description of services, activities, or outputs)</i>	<p>Available evidence confirms that young people with disabilities in the Arab region lack access to reliable information on SRH and RR. As the leading reproductive health agency, and building on the accomplishments and utilizing lessons learned on the way, this consultancy is expected to contribute to UNFPA ASRO work on reducing this knowledge gap through a comprehensive approach. A key component of this approach is the development of a smart mobile phone application to provide reliable SRH information in an accessible format by young persons with disabilities.</p> <p>In light of the above, and as a preparatory step for developing the smartphone application, we are looking for an expert SRH consultant to develop technical content for the smartphone application focusing on SRH & RR information targeting young persons with disabilities in Arabic and English languages.</p> <p>The consultant is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Conduct literature review on SRH related needs of and challenges faced by young persons with disabilities in the region, as well as disability-related legal frameworks e.g. the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) 2) Ensure alignment with latest UNFPA guidance of relevant and research findings including:

	<p>a) Women and young persons with disabilities: Guidelines for Providing Rights-Based and Gender-Responsive Services to Address Gender-Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</p> <p>b) Young persons with disabilities: Global study on ending GBV and realizing SRHR</p> <p>c) Rights and choices for all adolescents and youth: a UNFPA global strategy</p> <p>3) Propose different options for the structure of the technical SRH content to be used for developing the mobile application</p> <p>4) And develop the proposed SRH content accordingly in Arabic and English. The proposed content should be aligned with UNFPA youth and adolescence strategies, guidance and strategies that address young persons and disabilities.</p> <p>Following the development and review of the content, UNFPA will work with a software developer firm to convert the SRH content into an accessible mobile application.</p>								
Duration and working schedule:	15 working days in the period (20 April – 31 May 2021)								
Place where services are to be delivered:	Work from home								
Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):	<p>All deliverables will be shared in both Arabic and English in electronic format (MS word).</p> <p>The consultant is expected to submit the deliverables based on the following timeline:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="499 1113 1382 1653"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="499 1113 924 1173">Deliverable (specific output)</th> <th data-bbox="924 1113 1382 1173">Delivery date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 1173 924 1397">Literature review of the information needs for young persons with disabilities in the Arab region and proposed structure of the technical content for the mobile application</td> <td data-bbox="924 1173 1382 1397">7 working days following contract signature</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 1397 924 1556">Draft SRH content in Arabic and English</td> <td data-bbox="924 1397 1382 1556">5 working days following the approval of the proposed structure of the technical content for the mobile application</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 1556 924 1653">Final content in Arabic and English</td> <td data-bbox="924 1556 1382 1653">3 working days from receiving the comments on the draft content</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Deliverable (specific output)	Delivery date	Literature review of the information needs for young persons with disabilities in the Arab region and proposed structure of the technical content for the mobile application	7 working days following contract signature	Draft SRH content in Arabic and English	5 working days following the approval of the proposed structure of the technical content for the mobile application	Final content in Arabic and English	3 working days from receiving the comments on the draft content
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Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline:	Consultant will be working in close cooperation with the UNFPA ASRO reproductive health adviser, specialist and associate.								
Expected travel:	Not Applicable								
Required expertise, qualifications and	Post graduate degree in Public Health, or relevant social field related to sexual and reproductive health and rights.								

<p>competencies, including language requirements:</p>	<p>Minimum of 10 years experience in working on sexual and reproductive health and rights and development of technical content.</p> <p>Fluency in Arabic and English (reading and writing).</p> <p>Familiarity with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Arab region through previous experiences. ● The requirements and applicable legal frameworks pertaining to rights and needs of persons with disabilities with focus on youth. ● The mandate of UNFPA in the region is an asset
<p>Inputs/services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g. support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>