


TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

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Hiring Office:	ASRO (Youth Unit)
Purpose of consultancy:	<p>Literature reviews on the Arab region show that there is an increasing demand for sexuality education by young people. In addition, there are challenges that refrain young people to achieve their full potential, to realize their sexual and reproductive health and rights, to access information and services. Such challenges could increase their vulnerability and expose them to risky behaviours.</p> <p>On the other side, there are opportunities to improve the integration of CSE programming in the region. Most countries in the Arab region are signatory to international declaration and frameworks such as ICPD and Nairobi summit stipulating the commitment to avail information, skills and services for youth and adolescents to enhance their well-being and positive development. Civil society organizations and the media are playing an important role in promoting SRH&RR and comprehensive sexuality education through various channels, including social networks. Good practises from other region show integration of CSE in school curricula, with accompanying tools and guidance for the teachers.</p> <p>Last year, UNFPA Arab States Regional Office (ASRO) conducted a desk review of the CSE in the region highlighting the challenges, opportunities and lessons learnt from sexuality education in the Arab region.</p> <p>There are also other initiatives that should be reviewed such as ‘Love matters’ initiative, the experience of CSE in Tunisia, and the UN Inter-agency CSE International technical guidance on sexuality education: an evidence-informed approach</p> <p>Building on this exercise, UNFPA ASRO, is planning to develop a research paper on CSE in the Arab region. The paper will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing a synthesis of available specific literature on CSE among adolescents and youth in the Arab region from the different dimensions. - Identifying key challenges\needs and good practices on CSE or CSE –related policies, programs and services targeting adolescents and youth in Arab States. - Highlight the added value CSE would have in the specific context of the Arab region (in different settings including in a humanitarian context) and recommended approaches\ways to introduce it. - Identifying\proposing entry points/opportunities to effectively integrate CSE in the Arab region. This should include among others a mapping of partnerships utilized by country offices with national line ministries, CSOs, regional partners, UN organizations and other partners. <p>For this purpose, a consultant will be hired to develop this research paper that will be utilized as: (i) an advocacy tool throughout the region (ii) a main reference for discussion during the envisaged expert Group Meeting and (iii) basis to develop the guidance note\ position paper on CSE in the Arab region.</p> <p>The consultant is expected to co-facilitate with ASRO team the Expert Group Meeting on CSE in the Arab region.</p>

<p>Scope of work:</p> <p>(Description of services, activities, or outputs)</p>	<p>The consultant shall develop the research paper on CSE in the Arab region</p> <p>More specifically, the consultant should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Share a methodological note for developing the research paper one week after the signature of the contract. This note should be discussed and agreed with the ASRO Youth. -Develop a research paper as described earlier including a literature review on CSE among adolescents and youth in the Arab region from the different dimensions, including the most relevant references and strategic frameworks such as but not limited to the UN interagency CSE international technical guidance on CSE, ICPD, UNFPA SP, UN Global Youth Strategy, 2030 agenda and SDGs, Nairobi commitments. This task should be finalized by 6 August 2020. -share the draft paper by the 25 August 2020. -Co-facilitate the Expert Group Meeting during September 2020. -Share the final version of the research paper with ASRO for final review and validation by 30 September 2020.
<p>Deliverables</p>	<p>The consultant should provide the research paper with the elements indicated in the chapter “purpose of consultancy”</p>
<p>Duration and working schedule:</p>	<p>Contract dates: the duration of the contract is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 working days for development of the research paper including revisions and inclusion of feedback from regional office and EGM. - 2 days to attend the EGM. <p>the period of the contract is between July 26 – September 30, 2020</p> <p>Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the EGM will most probably be done remotely.</p> <p>The payment should be as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25% following the approval of the methodology document. - 45% following development of the draft of the research paper. - 30% following the validation of the revised research paper .
<p>Place where services are to be delivered:</p>	<p>In light of the current situation due to CoViD-19, the consultancy shall be conducted remotely. If the situation evolves, in-person meetings might be organized while keeping the same conditions of this contract and where all travel related costs, if any, will be covered by ASRO</p>
<p>Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):</p>	<p>The soft-copy of the research paper should be shared by no later September 30, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Methodological paper – 30 July 2020 - Draft Research paper -25 August 2020 - Co-facilitating the Expert Group Meeting – September 2020 - Final version of the paper -30 September 2020.
<p>Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline</p>	<p>The Youth unit will work closely with the consultant to ensure that the deadlines and content of the papers meet the requirements.</p>
<p>Supervisory arrangements:</p>	<p>The consultant will be working in close cooperation with the ASRO and under the supervision of the Regional Youth & HIV/AIDS Advisor.</p>

Expected travel:	Not required unless there is a change in the current situation. Thenceforth, all travel related costs, if any, will be covered by ASRO
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post graduate degree in the field of relevance for the assignment: medical sciences, public health or any social sciences degrees. - Minimum 8 years of relevant professional expertise in medical, social sciences or related fields - Previous experience working with UN or INGO on SRH, ASRH or youth will be an asset. - Previous experience with focus on CSE 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 applicable:	None required
Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:	<p>Payment of consultancy to be covered by the following CoA</p> <p>COA: RARB8YTH- CSE- FPA80 – 18000 – PU0074- 71300</p>
<p>Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office:</p> <p>Name: Chokri Ben Yahia Date: 3 July 2020 Signature: </p>	