



TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTANCY FOR ANALYSIS OF STATUS OF ADOLESCENT SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROTECTION POLICIES

KEY INFORMATION:

PROJECT TITLE	SOLUTIONS FOR SUPPORTING HEALTHY ADOLESCENTS AND RIGHTS PROTECTION (SHARP)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	26 TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Solutions for Supporting Healthy Adolescents and Rights Protection (SHARP) is a four-year, European Union funded programme implemented in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia, and at regional level (East African Community, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region). The programme's aim is to contribute to improved adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRHR) in the Great Lakes region.

One of SHARP's objectives is that duty-bearers adopt, develop, improve, and implement (sub) national and regional policies and budgets that advance ASRHR particularly for girls and other vulnerable adolescents. To provide an evidence base for intervention, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) in collaboration with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) will conduct SRH policy analysis to track existing policies, regulations, budgets to inform strategic plans and the development of policy recommendations.

The analysis will mainly target NHRIs within the four countries (Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo) and the Government ministries that focus on SRHR, young girls and adolescents. A multidisciplinary methodology that involves both desk review and key informant interviews shall be employed to highlight the holistic landscape of SRHR covering: the legal analysis, alternative reports submitted by the State to various Treaty bodies in relation to SRHR, the recommendations given and the steps that the States have taken to adopt them as well as challenges recorded in advocating for SRHR.

It is based on this background that NANHRI seeks to contract the services of a consultant to conduct an analysis of ASRHR policies to enable better conceptualisation of the rollout of the project. The findings of the baseline will also assist in monitoring and evaluating the progress of NHRIs during project implementation. Findings of the research will be vital in informing the in-country and regional training workshops that will follow. The findings shall inform strategic plans

and legal reforms that the NHRIs can take up to ensure evidence-based policy reforms and recommendations for the realisation of SRHR among the adolescents and young girls. The findings of the baseline will also assist in monitoring and evaluating the progress of the NHRI as the implementation continues.

SCOPE OF WORK

An analysis of the current state of ASRHR policies will bring out the true picture to enable the NHRIs in the four countries to ensure ASRHR rights protection and implementation. The analysis will be done in four countries: Kenya; Tanzania; Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Consultant shall be responsible for undertaking analysis of ASRHR Policies in the above four countries with a specificity around:

- i. Evaluate statuses selected NHRIs engagement with Government on ASRHR policy review and implementation
- ii. Determining the level of capacity/ institutionalization of SRHR within NHRI.
- iii. Determining the effectiveness of existing SRHR platforms at national and regional level in holding governments accountable and policy influencing to advance access to SRH commodities and services for adolescents.
- iv. Reviewing status of Government's regional commitments (Maputo Protocol, Abuja Declaration, ICPD) and other related treaties in the target countries on their provisions around ASRHR.
- v. Determine youth involvement in decision making regarding ASRHR
- vi. Identifying gaps that need to be addressed to ensure successful implementation of ASRHR policies
- vii. Mapping out of ASRHR networks, platforms, partners in the target country/region and focal persons within the NHRI and networks that work on ASRHR.

MAIN TASKS OF THE CONSULTANT

In ensuring achievement of the baseline study the Consultant will therefore undertake the following tasks:

- i. Conceptualise the research design and methodology for the baseline study; in consultation with the NANHRI Programs Officer and NANHRI Senior Programs Officer.
- ii. Undertake desk reviews and all necessary preparations in readiness for the baseline study.
- iii. Conduct NHRIs, Government ministries and other relevant authorities for the collection of data.
- iv. Data cleaning and analysis.
- v. Develop narrative report on the findings and recommendations of the research.

DURATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

For the purpose of this contract, the period of consultancy is 27 Days.

ORGANISATIONAL POSITION

- The Consultant will work in close collaboration with the SHARP Project Officer
- The Consultant will be line managed by NANHRI

COMPETENCIES AND QUALIFICATION OF THE CONSULTANT

The analysis will be conducted by a consultant or team of consultants with a team leader and partners having the following main qualifications:

- i. At least a master's degree or equivalent in Law, Public Health, Public Policy, Sociology, Development Studies, Economics or related Social Sciences.
- ii. Proven in-depth understanding of ASRHR and programming in the region.
- iii. Demonstrable relevant working experience of at least 10 years in policy research analysis at the national and regional level.
- iv. Experience working in the health sector, preferably on SRH.
- v. Knowledge and practical experience in qualitative research methods.
- vi. Demonstrable ability to work independently to assess complex situations to analyse critical issues succinctly and clearly and draw conclusions and recommendations.
- vii. Excellent organisational, writing and communication skills
- viii. Ability to prioritise work tasks and work to short deadlines
- ix. Should be able to communicate effectively in English (French will be an added advantage)
- x. Hard-working, collaborative, and committed to NANHRI's values

The consultant(s) should not have been engaged in the activities to be evaluated, or responsible in decision-making roles for the design, implementation or supervision of the project. The exercise will require impartiality and a comprehensive and balanced analysis of SRH Policies in the target countries. The selected consultant will be expected to adhere to a code of conduct (Statement on Ethics) and conduct self/ themselves according to the expected ethical standards.

How to Apply

Interested parties should submit the following:

- 1) A technical proposal indicating their understanding of the assignment, proposed methodology for conducting the assignment and work plan.
- 2) A financial proposal showing the total cost of conducting the analysis, breakdown of consultancy costs (there will be no travel to the countries mentioned above)
- 3) Motivation & qualifications for the assignment/track record
- 4) A detailed curriculum vitae with specific expertise that is of relevance for this assignment
- 5) Approach of the assignment (proposed methodologies)
- 6) At least one report of a similar assignment conducted in the past three years.
- 7) Budget (daily fee/other costs) with clear budget lines
- 8) Names and contacts of three referees (phone numbers and email).
- 9) Availability for this assignment

If you believe you are the right candidate for the above consultancy and can clearly demonstrate your ability to meet the qualifications required, submit the documents mentioned above via email to: info@nanhri.org and a copy to rathewa@nanhri.org no later than 26th September, 2022.

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Kindly note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.