



TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTANCY FOR EXPERT PRESENTATION DURING

NANHRI ACERWC NHRI-FORUM ON THE MARGINS OF THE 44TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC) IN MASERU, LESOTHO

KEY INFORMATION:

PROJECT TITLE	Amplifying Adolescent and Youth SRHR Voices through NHRIs
APPLICATION DEADLINE	25 th September, 2024

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) is a regional umbrella body that brings together 47 African National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs). These institutions are established by governments to promote and protect human rights within their respective jurisdictions. NHRIs play a vital role in handling complaints, conducting investigations, and advancing human rights through research, advocacy, and educational programs in line with the Paris Principles. NANHRI's mission is to support and strengthen NHRIs across Africa while facilitating coordination and cooperation among themselves and with other key human rights actors at regional and international levels. NANHRI's vision is to create a continent with effective NHRIs that contribute to an enhanced human rights culture and justice for every African. In pursuit of this vision, NANHRI has undertaken various initiatives, including engaging NHRIs to apply for affiliate status with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC). This is part of a broader strategy to enhance the involvement of NHRIs in monitoring and protecting child rights in Africa.

During the 44th Ordinary Session of ACERWC, NANHRI will convene the first-ever NHRIs Forum to strengthen institutional collaboration between NHRIs and the ACERWC. This forum builds on previous engagements aimed at sensitizing NHRIs on the importance of securing affiliate status with the Committee. The forum will provide a platform for NHRIs to share best practices, explore avenues for collaboration, and discuss their role in advancing the rights and welfare of children, including critical issues such as sexual and reproductive health rights.

This forum will specifically focus on showcasing best practices of NHRIs in protecting child rights, exploring institutional collaboration between NHRIs and ACERWC, and addressing sexual and reproductive health rights of vulnerable children.

With funding from HIVOS Foundation, NANHRI is implementing a Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Programme in Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe whose overall objective is Improved SRHR outcomes for children, adolescents and young people in East and Southern Africa by the year 2026. NANHRI thus seeks to support and strengthen NHRIs in Africa as well as to facilitate coordination and cooperation among themselves and between them and Civil Society Organizations and rightsholders. Pursuant to its mandate, NANHRI will conduct The Sixth National Human Rights Institutions' Forum on The Margins of the 77th Ordinary Session of The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Commission) on mainstreaming Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) protection in Africa.

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MAIN TASKS OF THE CONSULTANT

The Consultant will perform the following tasks:

Make expert presentation on:

- Best practices and strategies to improve child rights protection and the sexual and reproductive health rights of vulnerable children.
- Lead advocacy discussion for increased affiliation status of NHRIs with the African Committee to enhance their role in child rights protection.

1. IV. EXPECTED OUTPUT

The Consultant shall be responsible for expert presentation during The National Human Rights Institutions' (NHRIs) Forum on The Margins of the 44th Ordinary Session of The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in Maseru, Lesotho on **4th October, 2024**.

- Come up with a **5-Point Action Plan on institutional collaboration between the ACEWRC and NHRIs**. The action plan will focus on enhancing collaboration between the ACERWC and NHRIs through capacity building, information-sharing mechanisms, joint monitoring and reporting, and regular meetings.
- Finally, shall share his/her presentations before and after the sessions and a brief meeting report.

DURATION OF THE TASK

The work will be done for a total of 3 days. The Expert will have one day to prepare for expert presentation. He or she will make a presentation on best practices and strategies to improve child rights protection and, the sexual and reproductive health rights of vulnerable children. He/she will also have a day to compile a report.

ORGANISATIONAL POSITION

- The Consultant will work in close collaboration with the Programme Officer

- The Consultant will be line managed by NANHRI

COMPETENCIES AND QUALIFICATION OF THE CONSULTANT

- i. At least a Master's Degree or equivalent in Law, Reproductive Health, Public Health, Public Policy, Sociology, Development Studies, Economics or related Social Sciences.
- ii. Demonstrable relevant working experience in the health sector of at least 10 years preferably on SRHR, policy and advocacy at national and regional level including working with NHRIs.
- iii. Should be able to communicate effectively in English (French will be an added advantage)
- iv. Hard-working, collaborative, and committed to NANHRI's values

Interested candidates are requested to submit their expression of interest containing their profiles/detailed CV quoting their charges (in US Dollars), to the email address below not later than **Wednesday 25th September, 2024.**

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Kindly note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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