



CALL FOR PROPOSAL – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO PREPARE 2019 MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH STATUS REPORT UNDER THE THEME “WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN HUMANITARIAN/CONFLICT CONTEXTS AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)”

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INTRODUCTION

The African Union (AU) was established as a unique Pan African continental body, charged with spearheading Africa’s rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States as well as developing a New Partnership worldwide. Its Headquarters is located in Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia.

The African Union Commission (AUC) is the secretariat of the AU and is the key organ playing a central role in the day-to-day management of the AU.

The AU is funded from assessed contribution from the 55 Member states and funds from Institutional Partners for specific projects in line with its Strategic Plan and agreed priorities with the partners.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the 1st session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Health, Population and Drug Control (STC-HPDC) cognizance of the 15th session of the African Union Assembly decision (Assembly/AU/Decl.1{XV}), recommended that the MNCH taskforce prepare a biennial MNCH status report up to 2030 in order to ensure political support post 2015 since MNCH is still unfinished business. The STC-HPDC further decided that the MNCH taskforce ensures that adolescent health is given more prominence in subsequent MNCH status reports.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the AUC in collaboration with partners is in the process of developing the 2nd Biennial Status Report on MNCH in Africa (2019). The second MNCH Taskforce meeting which took place from the 1st to 5th May 2018 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania proposed that the report be developed under the theme “Women and children in humanitarian/ conflict contexts and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)” which is aligned with and dedicated to the 2019 African Union Commission Theme of the Year “The year of refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Africa: a durable solution to displacement in Africa”.

An increasing number of Africans of over 20 million are now officially registered as refugees, internally displaced or seeking asylum. Often, the most vulnerable groups - which include women and children - are the ones who face immense health risks. The report will review the situation with regards to MNCH in humanitarian/conflict contexts and amongst refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent; focus on women, adolescents and children in humanitarian/conflict contexts and those considered refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent; provide tangible solutions to address the needs of mothers, new-borns, children and adolescents living in humanitarian/conflict contexts and those considered refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent and; make concrete and targeted recommendations towards ending preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths by 2030.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

A publishable analytical Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, with executive summary underlying the critical need for a Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. The CAP shall be submitted to the Department of Social Affairs for inputs and comments. The Department of Social Affairs will also circulate the draft to relevant departments of the AUC for similar comments/inputs following which the department will hold a consultation with member states on the common position. Then, the Consultant will finalize the draft by incorporating all the inputs from different partners and stakeholders

SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The AUC Department of Social Affairs is seeking the services of a consultant to prepare the 2019 MNCH status report focusing on humanitarian/conflict settings and refugees, returnees and IDPs internal to the continent guided by the Continental Policy Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Maputo Plan of Action 2016-2030, African Regional Nutrition Strategy 2015-2025, AU demographic dividend roadmap and other relevant policy instruments.

Specifically the consultant shall:

- a) Determine the current status of maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health in humanitarian/conflict settings in Africa and amongst refugees, returnees, and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent and;
- b) Document and propose actions to tackle maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health issues in humanitarian/conflict settings and amongst refugees, returnees, and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent;
- c) Provide tangible solutions to address the needs of mothers, new-borns, children and adolescents and propose recommendations to address the sexual reproductive health needs of those living in humanitarian/conflict settings and who are considered refugees, returnees, and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent.

ACTIVITIES

The consultant will prepare a status report encompassing a review of the MNCH status in humanitarian/conflict settings in Africa and amongst refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent. The report will focus on the theme **“Women and children in humanitarian/ conflict contexts and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)”**. The report will detail but not limited to the following:

1. The current status of MNCH in humanitarian/conflict settings in Africa and amongst refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent;
2. Women and children living in humanitarian/conflict settings and who are considered refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons
 - a. Addressing the leading causes of maternal death (direct and indirect)
 - b. Sexual and reproductive health
 - Women
 - Youth and adolescent
 - c. Neonatal deaths
 - d. Child survival
 - e. Human Resources for MNCH in the humanitarian/conflict context in Africa and for refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent.
3. Focusing on social determinants of health (nutrition, gender inequalities and HTPs, emergency obstetric care, still births, immunization, health emergencies among others) in humanitarian/conflict settings in Africa and refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons internal to the continent.
4. Recommendations

The consultant shall:

1. Work with the AUC Department of Social Affairs for technical guidance, data and information to prepare the report;
2. Review all relevant literature;
3. Collect any additional data that may be required;
4. Clean and analyze the data and prepare the status report;
5. Prepare and present an inception, draft and final MNCH status report; and
6. Make recommendations to re-position MNCH in the humanitarian/conflict settings and amongst refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in the sustainable development period.

The consultant will work directly with the Department of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission. The Department of Social Affairs will provide the requisite data, information and technical support to conduct the consultancy. The consultant will be supervised by the Head of Health, Nutrition and Population Division of the Department of Social Affairs. In undertaking this task the consultant will be required to consult with various partners.

DELIVERABLES

The following are the expected key deliverables:

1. Inception report detailing the methodology to be employed in preparing the MNCH status report including a detailed activity plan, data quality assurance plan and budget
2. Draft status report for comments by AUC DSA and other relevant partners
3. Final status report to be delivered in hard bound copies and soft copies in MS Word/PDF as appropriate
4. A complete data set in any relevant data analysis program (SPSS/PASW/STATA) and code book

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

Education

- A minimum of a Master's Degree in health sciences/demography/policy analysis/health economics or other related field

Experience

- Minimum 10 years experience in sexual and reproductive health including experience in maternal, child and adolescent health in Africa, preferably at regional level
- Working knowledge of the Maputo Plan of Action, Continental Policy Framework on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, demographic dividend and Africa Health Strategy
- Knowledge of MNCH in Humanitarian/conflict contexts and amongst refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons
- Demonstrable experience in preparation of reports of similar nature

Information Technology Skills

- Statistical analysis (SPSS/PASW/STATA)

Language Requirement

Fluency in English and/or French. Knowledge of one or several other African Union working languages would be an added advantage.

REPORTING

For the purpose of execution of assignment, the Consulting firm shall report to the Director of Social Affairs.

DURATION

The consultant must be ready to start work immediately upon appointment. The maximum number of days allowable for the consultancy work shall not exceed sixty-six (66) working days/man days. The expected start date during August 2018 and the report must be finalized on or before 31st October 2018. The consultant can indicate his onsite and offsite dates.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The African Union Commission now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidate must provide information demonstrating that he/she has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Consulting firms may propose individual consultant/s, but only the experience and qualifications of individual/s shall be used in the selection process, and that his or her corporate experience shall not be taken into account, and the contract would be signed with the proposed individual.

For evaluation of the expressions of interest the following criteria will be applied:

- a) General Education Qualification and Relevant Training (20 points);
- b) Experience Related to the Assignment (30 points);
- c) Technical approach and methodology (40 points)
- d) Work plan (10 points)

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUC's consideration as an attachment to the CVs:

- a) Technical Proposal on:
 - understanding and interpretation of the TOR
 - methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment
 - time and activity schedule

- b) Financial proposal includes Professional fee only:
 - Consultant's daily rate in US\$
 - Other costs e.g. Air ticket and Daily Subsistence Allowance will be covered by the African Union Commission on actual bases. Hence, Consultants are not required to quote for reimbursable expenses.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time.

Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 15:00 hours local time, **July 31, 2018.**

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