



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

VACANCY NO:	VA – CO – 2022 – 02 – 03
CLOSING DATE:	21 – February – 2022
POST TITLE:	National Consultant – Support The Assessment for UNFPA Youth Interventions
NUMBER OF POSITION:	2 (Two)
CATEGORY:	Individual Consultant Contract (ICC)
DUTY STATION:	Kabul with travel to provinces
DURATION:	Two months

Purpose of the Consultancy:

UNFPA provides lifesaving information and access to adolescent sexual and reproductive health services. This has been done through the establishment of **Youth Health Corners, Youth Health Line, and Pre Marriage Counselling**. The Youth Health Line (YHL) offers young people nationwide anonymous service to receive accurate and non-judgmental health information and advice, from health professionals. The Youth Health Corners (YHC) are integrated with existing health services that provide: Counselling and awareness sessions on family planning and provision of contraceptives, mental health issues, puberty, physical and psychosocial changes, pregnancy (including testing services) and reproductive health rights of young people etc. youth Health corners are established in Laghman, Nangarhar, Kunar, Samangan, Badakhshan, Bamyan, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, and Balkh. Pre Marriage Counselling is an intervention that was incorporated in YHC's services.

The aim of this consultancy is to support UNFPA International consultants who will lead the assessment with a focus on evidence-based decision-making related to the UNFPA Afghanistan Youth Program with a focus on YHL, YHC, and Pre Marriage counselling.

The national consultants are expected to support the international consultant mission in conducting an assessment that aims to capture the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and possibly the impact of UNFPA Afghanistan Youth Interventions. Most of the support will be related to contextualize research tools and processes, translate relevant documents, translate findings from the field data collection, and full support for the field data collection of the assessment. The assessment should cover:

- Identify good practices, lessons learned and challenges in the course of program implementation;
- Identify key areas of improvement to enhance the quality and reach of the program, and key areas of amendment to meet the current humanitarian context;
- Determine relevance and efficiency of expanding the identified services with a provision of costing model for each Youth Health Corner, Youth Health Line, and Pre Marriage counselling;
- Determine the appropriateness of interventions in the project in relation to the needs of the adolescents and youth beneficiaries in the targeted locations in Afghanistan;

- Determine core programmatic elements to be kept in order to bring the most benefit to youth, whether these core elements are replicable in other geographical locations with different youth target groups including the mechanism to implement this;
- To provide actionable recommendations to be considered by UNFPA Afghanistan that are aligned with the humanitarian response plan.

Scope of Work:

The National Consultant will have to provide needed support for the International Consultant (Team Lead) in the following scope:

- Provide comments to the proposal/draft methodology plan and tools developed by the team lead
- Develop together with international consultant the assessment tools and translate to required local languages
- Develop together with international consultant the data analysis plan;
- Conduct literature review of materials and documents for desk review and checklists, and produce a preliminary report and matrixes. The report and matrixes will be review by the international consultant and the national inputs will be used to finalize this first report;
- Coordinate and arrange meetings as needed;
- Take the lead to organize and conduct field work according to interview/pre-determined questions guidelines developed by international consultant (field visits, facilitate FDG, conduct semi-structured interviews);
- Report to international consultant by emails on the progress and obstacles or needed support:
- Draft the field reports and submit to international consultant for consolidation to the overall report;
- Provide inputs and comments to the final draft report;
- Make relevant documents available for the international consultant.

Duration and Working Schedule:

- This assignment is for two months starting first week of March 2022 with an expected 40 working days.

Place Where the Service is to be Delivered:

- This assignment is based in Kabul. UNFPA will coordinate the consultant's travel to other provinces based on the required field data collection plan.

Deliverables and Expected Timeframe: *(Delivery dates and how work will be delivered)*

Deliverables	Timeline	Payment
Provide comments on the outline of the report, including proposed methodology data collection, analysis, and presentation of findings], timeframe and dissemination plan	3 days (from contract start date)	25%

Provide comments on proposed data collection tools for the selected assessment tools (FGDs and semi-structured interviews, etc.)	3 working days	
Data collection to be completed	20 working days	25%
Provide comments on draft assessment be shared with UNFPA for inputs	3 working days	
Submission of final report	3 days	50%
Total	32 days	

Monitoring and Progress Control : (*Reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline*):
The Consultant in coordination with the International consultant to do regular check in calls and email on the progress or challenges while conducting the study for follow up with the UNFPA Youth team following the above-mentioned deliverables and deadlines

Supervision Received: (*Supervisory Arrangements*)

The National Consultant - Support the assessment for UNFPA Youth Interventions, with the overall supervision of UNFPA Afghanistan Youth Community Mobilization Specialist.

Expected Travel: (*Domestic travel*)

This assignment is home based with the requirement to travel to Afghanistan during fieldwork. UNFPA will coordinate the consultant's travel.

National Consultant Profile:

Required Expertise, Qualifications and Competencies, Including Language Requirements:

Education:

- Relevant university degree or equivalent in social sciences, public health or other relevant field related to violence against children and women, especially in emergency context.

Work Experience:

- Minimum 5 years of experience, related to support assessments and evaluation related to social sciences and preferably youth, and ASRH/SRH.

Technical Knowledge:

- Knowledge in SRH, maternal health, gender, youth programming and services;
- Experience working with conflict-affected communities, including with adolescents, youth and communities;
- Solid understanding of evaluation methodologies, and or a proven expertise of research, and assessment in social sciences relevant for the evaluation;
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and presentation skills;
- Proven experience in supporting evaluation work with a sample of supported work to

be provided with the application stating clearly what the role of the consultant was in that process;

- Sets high standards for quality of work and consistently achieves project goals;
- Able to work effectively in a multicultural environment;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multicultural environment and establish harmonious and effective working relationships;
- Translates strategic direction into plans and objectives;
- Previous experience with online content development preferred;
- Previous experience with UNFPA or other UN agencies is preferred.

Language:

- Fluency in English and Dari. Fluency in Pashto is a plus.
- Ability to translate documents from Dari to English and vice-versa.

Inputs / Services to be provided by UNFPA or Implementing Partner:

(Support Services, Office Space, and Equipment, if applicable)

- UNFPA will provide the consultant with all background information to conduct the desk review, in addition to provision of contact details to stakeholders to lead the assessment.
- UNFPA will provide all arrangement for transportation and coordinate field visits

Evaluation Process:

Qualified candidates are requested to submit:

- Cover letter/application;
- Update CV and P-11 form;
- Examples of previous, supported evaluations or assessments;
- At least 3 Professional Referees.

Submission Guideline:

- The application (containing all above documents) should be transmitted via email to UNFPA-Afghanistan at email address recruitment.afg@unfpa.org.
- Email Subject: **Consultant for Assessment for UNFPA Youth Interventions**
- Late submissions, incomplete packets, or submissions with an incorrect email subject heading will not be considered.

Qualified Female Candidates Are Highly Encouraged To Apply!