

UGANDA YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS HEALTH FORUM

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Terms of Reference for consultancy services for the development of a youth-focused SRHR and SGBV Myths and Misconceptions bursting visual guide handbook

Overview

Title: Consultancy for the development of a youth-focused SRHR and SGBV Myths and Misconceptions bursting visual guide handbook

Type of contract: Individual Consultant(s) or Consulting Firm / Institution

Duration of contract: 2 months (August 1st – Sept 31st, 2023)

Summary:

The consultant/consulting firm is required to develop for Uganda Youth and Adolescents Health Forum a youth-focused SRHR and SGBV Myths and Misconceptions bursting visual guide handbook. The visual guide handbook will be developed with an overall objective of identifying and correctly busting SRHR and SGBV common myths, misconceptions, and stereotypes faced by young people in Uganda. The handbook will also highlight how myths and misconceptions are a big barrier that continues to deter adolescents and young people from the fulfillment of their sexual reproductive health rights eventually exposing them to early and unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, HIV and STDs, rape, defilement, FGM and early marriages among others challenges like school dropouts.

1) Background and overview

Uganda Youth and Adolescents Health Forum (UYAHF) is a dynamic Youth-led and Youth Serving Health, Human Rights, and Girl Centred Organization that seeks to advance quality health and wellbeing for young people. Specifically, UYAHF works to address and advance young people's specific needs as regards their sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender equality and health promotion, livelihoods, climate change, and SGBV among others by mobilizing and amplifying youth voices to inform policy and decision-making on these issues and strengthening the role of policymakers, key gatekeepers including community leaders, religious and cultural leaders, teachers, health workers, police, policymakers, parents, men and boys to take action, support and empower young people to live quality lives with equity, dignity, and opportunities to realize their full potential.

2) Description of the consultancy Assignment

UYAHF will hire a consultant who will work with Power To Youth advocates and youth change champions to identify common the myths and misconceptions they are faced with in their communities and how they undermine and compromise their decision making to utilize available SRHR services and SGBV prevention and response services like contraceptives.

The handbook will showcase how eventually these myths and misconceptions end up exposing young people to teenage pregnancies, SGBV, harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation FGM, and child marriage.

The guidebook will outline the underlying factors and major root causes that have continued to expose young people to myths and misconceptions, why misconceptions are prevalent, and what young people can do to address these myths and misconceptions.

Additionally, the handbook will address and burst these major myths and misconceptions and provide reference to available tools and resources that young people can utilize to enhance their knowledge and access to essential SRHR and SGBV response services to prevent unwanted pregnancies, child marriages, and FGM.





The consultant with the support of youth advocates will compile the various myths and misconceptions which will be incorporated into the visual guide handbook. The youth advocates will launch the visual guidebook during the stereo-bursting sports events to raise awareness and demystify the myths and misconceptions around key Power To Youth issues.

The visual guidebook will be developed through a consultative process with the youth advocates across the Power To Youth districts of implementation. The visual guidebook will be reviewed by youth advocates with the help of a consultant to assess its effectiveness in demystifying the myths and misconceptions and navigation of available SRHR services, resources and tools within their communities.





3) Purpose and Objectives of the Assignment

The overall purpose of this consultancy is to support UYAHF address the myths and misconceptions that adolescents and young people have about SRHR issues teenage pregnancy, SGBV, and harmful practices.




More specifically, the objectives of this consultancy are:

-  To identify and correctly bust SRHR and SGBV common myths, misconceptions, and stereotypes faced by young people in Uganda.
-  To highlight how myths and misconceptions are a big barrier that continues to deter adolescents and young people from fulfilling their sexual reproductive health rights eventually exposing them to early and unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, HIV and STDs, rape, defilement, FGM and early marriages among others challenges like school dropouts.
-  To design and develop a visual guide - handbook demystifying the SRHR and SGBV myths and misconceptions faced by young people in PTY districts.
-  To provide a list of reference to available services, tools and resources that young people can utilize to enhance their knowledge and access to essential SRHR and SGBV response services to prevent unwanted pregnancies, child marriages, and FGM.

4) Roles of the consultant

-  Hold consultations with 40 youth advocates (from the 6 districts of implementation) to share the myths and misconceptions from their communities.
-  Offer technical support to the youth advocates in demystifying the myths and misconceptions in their communities.
-  Jointly work with the youth advocates and develop a youth focused stereo bursting visual guidebook.
-  Support the youth advocates to launch the developed youth-focused myth-bursting visual guidebook during the stereo-bursting sports event to raise awareness about the myths and misconceptions and demystify the myths within the communities.

5) Expected outcome

-  1 (one) comprehensive youth focused SRHR and SGBV Myths and Misconceptions bursting visual guide, handbook developed and launched during the stereo bursting sports events.
-  Capacity building for the youth advocates around the myths and misconceptions around key Power To Youth issues within their communities.
-  Demystify the myths and misconceptions around the key Power To Youth issues within their communities.

6) Methodology

This assignment will involve desktop reviews and consultations with youth advocates from the districts of Isingiro, Mbale, Kalangala, Kampala, Bukwo, and Busia. This will be facilitated by the consultant with the active participation of the power to youth advocates as key players in all the processes.




7) Time frame

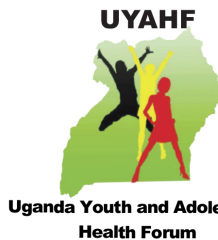
The assignment is for 60 working days from the date the contract is signed. The assignment is expected to be implemented in the months of August and September 2023.

8) Required skills and experience

Educational Qualifications:

Interested individual consultants or lead developers for consulting firms should hold:

-  University degree and/or professional research training. Expertise in public health, public policy, development studies, social sciences, human rights, and/or sexual reproductive health rights is a strong asset.
-  Strong theoretical and practical background in graphic design, including the use of design software such as Adobe Design Premium, In Design, CorelDraw, web design tools such as Dreamweaver and Flash, etc.
-  Certificate or Bachelor of Arts in digital design/ animation. Proven experience of graphic production from start to published/printed product with knowledge of printing processes (offset and digital) and color management is an added advantage.



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Experience:

- ✚ At least 3-year work experience in research for development. Experience designing programs for adolescents and young people is an added advantage.
- ✚ The consultant should also have experience in project management, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health rights.
- ✚ The consultant should have at least 4 years of experience in meaningfully working with young people and creating spaces for them to exercise their rights.
- ✚ Strong theoretical and practical background in graphic design, including the use of design software such as Adobe Design Premium, In Design, CorelDraw, web design tools such as Dreamweaver and Flash, etc.
- ✚ Knowledge of standard software packages , including MS office-MS Access-MS Visio-Adobe Acrobat.
- ✚ At least 3 years demonstrated experience in filming documentaries and animations.
- **Languages:** Fluency in written and spoken English is essential; the ability to understand any other local languages spoken in Isingiro, Bukwo, Kalangala, Mbale, and Busia is an added advantage.

9. Application procedure:

Submissions:

Interested individual consultants/consulting firms must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their suitability for the assignment:

- ✚ Up-to-date Curricula Vitae (CV) for each of the expert(s) proposed to work on this assignment including past experience in similar projects and 3 (three) references.
- ✚ Technical Proposal presenting methodology of work and approach
- ✚ Financial proposal expressed as a Lump sum for 60 working days.

Evaluation criteria:

The award of the contract shall be made to the consultant who has received the highest score out of pre-determined technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

- Technical criteria weight – 70 %
- Financial criteria weight – 30 %

Deadline for submissions: The submissions must reach the following address info@uyahf@gmail.com and copy to akamoti@uyahf.com by **15th August 2023**.