**Terms of Reference**

**Reproductive Health Consultant**

**BACKGROUND**

UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.  UNFPA’s strategic plan, focuses on three transformative results: to end preventable maternal deaths; end unmet need for family planning; and end gender-based violence and harmful practices.

UNFPA calls for the realization of reproductive rights for all and supports access to a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services – including voluntary family planning, maternal health care and comprehensive sexuality education. UNFPA works to prevent and respond to gender-based violence including combatting child marriage and supporting engagement of men and boys to advance gender equality. UNFPA also works towards youth empowerment to exercise autonomy, choice and participation with regard to their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

During the past few years, Lebanon has been facing a multitude of rapidly escalating crises, represented by the political instability, impact of COVID19 crisis and deterioration of the economic situation including the collapse of the local currency. All this has led to deepening the vulnerability of Lebanese and refugee population and worsened the overall health and protection situation, particularly for the most vulnerable or marginalized groups including children, women, migrants, older persons, persons with disability, persons with mental health conditions and LGBTQI+.

The economic crisis has further weakened the fragile public health system already under pressure since the refugee crisis started. In particular, the rapid deterioration of the economic situation and the COVID-19 pandemic are having a serious impact on the access to health services including for the SRH services. Many are unable to afford treatment, care and transportation to primary health care facilities and hospitals. As a result, people are deprioritizing non-urgent health care including preventive primary healthcare; women and adolescent girls, began skipping doctor visits, screening tests and even medical prescriptions because they often no longer afford them. In addition, health care facilities are struggling to maintain their medical supply stocks and to prevent the high staff turnover that is affected by many of the healthcare workforce leaving the country due to the deteriorating socio-economic situation.

UNFPA Country Office is seeking to recruit a Reproductive Health consultant on full time basis till end of December 2021 to support the Lebanon Country Office in coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the SRH program activities while ensuring needed administrative and logistics support for the procurement as well as extending support for the planning of key interventions for 2022.

**TASKS**

Under the overall guidance of the Head of office and supervision of the RH program specialist, the RH consultant will be requested to

* Provide needed support for enhancing and reinforcing coordination and collaboration among various entities/partners including participation in various coordination platforms (Health working group, Reproductive Health Sub Working Group, Clinical Management of Rape Taskforce, among others) and ensuring necessary support for the coordination platforms lead and co-lead by UNFPA.
* Provide support to advocacy efforts on enhancing access to SRH services and information with donors, key actors as well in different platforms
* Provide input and support as requested for the processes of planning, coordinating, implementing and evaluating SRH program interventions (i.e mapping of SRH services, desk reviews and compilation of information, conducting assessment of partners’ capacities and needs, support delivery of capacity development initiatives including through remote modalities support proper documentation and sharing of information, support partners to report on various platforms, etc)
* Ensure needed support for data collection and reporting on various platforms
* Provide support to increasing visibility about UNFPA interventions including compilation of information
* Contribute to the development of concept note and proposals as needed including budget proposals
* Follow up on the progress of various consultancies performed by the CO
* Provide administrative and logistics support to the procurement processes conducted by the CO
* Provide support as needed for the interventions implemented with national authorities and Ministries including ensuring close follow up and coordination to achieve desired outcomes
* Provide support to facilitate and coordinate various high level/donor visits to UNFPA supported projects as needed

**QUALIFICATIONS**

* Bachelor degree in a relevant area i.e. in public health/ health sciences or area related to health
* Good Knowledge and experience in reproductive, maternal health, child and adolescent health issues including rights based standards
* 5-6 years’ experience in projects management including planning, monitoring and evaluation
* Experience in coordination and collaboration with government entities, Ministries, UN agencies, I/NGOs etc
* Experience in desk review and compilation of information in an informative report
* Work experience in humanitarian, conflict, or post conflict settings
* Ability to work under pressure and deliver tasks on short notice
* Strong computer skills including proficiency with word, excel, and PowerPoint
* Good oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills
* Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to work collaboratively with a range of partners
* Self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to work with tight deadlines.