

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CFEI) FROM UNFPA BANGLADESH, COX'S BAZAR SUB-OFFICE, SRHR UNIT

The United Nations Populations Fund, hereafter referred to as UNFPA is in the process of identifying potential non-governmental implementing partners for its 10th Country Programme for the implementation of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights [SRHR] programme in the Humanitarian context in Cox's Bazar District and recently at the Bhasan Char island, Bangladesh. The overall aim is to increase the availability and use of integrated SRHR services including Family Planning, maternal health, newborn health, STI/HIV, that are gender responsive and adolescent health in Cox's Bazar District and the Bhasan Char island, including for the Rohingya refugee population and immediate host population. Specific intervention areas include the following:

- 1. Provision of comprehensive SRHR services in supported facilities to meet international standards and national guidelines, including during COVID-19, through strengthening existing health facilities to provide 24/7 EmONC, obstetric fistula and cervical cancer, as well as ensuring midwifery-led care and improving coordination of referral pathways
- 2. Scale up the provision of Family Planning services including MR and PAC and implementation of SRH Working Group's Family Planning Strategy at facility-based and community levels, as well as advocacy and coordination
- 3. Supporting the deployment of midwives and other health care providers at health facilities, maternity red zones and COVID-19 Isolation and Treatment Centres with maternity care units to provide safe deliveries and EmONC, including Clinical Management of Rape [CMR] for women and girls during COVID-19
- 4. Mentoring and training of midwives to increase their knowledge and capacity to provide basic SRHR services, including EmONC services, Family Planning, CMR, Treatment of STIs, MR, PAC, Cervical Cancer and Fistula Screening
- 5. Supporting the emergency referral transportation system and ambulance services in the camps to facilitate transfers of pregnant women during labour, obstetric emergencies and other patients requiring other emergency medical care
- 6. Coordination and strengthening of the Maternal Perinatal Mortality Surveillance and Response [MPMSR] system to provide information that effectively guides actions to avert preventable maternal mortality at health facilities and in the community
- 7. Supporting SRHR-GBV integration including ensuring that basic SRHR with specialised adolescent services, including CMR care, are provided in all women and girls protected spaces
- 8. Ensuring accountability to affected populations through maintaining and establishing communication, community participation and feedback support mechanism as well as strengthening the PSEA network
- 9. Procurement and distribution of SRHR commodities and equipment including Family Planning to support UNFPA, Government and SRH Working Group partner facilities to ensure uninterrupted supply
- 10. Strengthening contingency planning and preparedness to provide lifesaving SRHR services during natural disasters i.e. cyclone and monsoon
- 11. Expanding the Community Health Volunteers Network to strengthen community engagement programmes on SRHR, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, to improve the uptake of services
- 12. Supporting SRHR coordination through the provision of support and leadership to the SRH Working Group and ensure that SRHR and GBV services are delivered in an integrated and standardised manner
- 13. Improving Information Management Systems through timely data collection, reporting and dissemination of SRHR information products, interoperability and streamlining with other reporting systems to promote evidence-based decision making

The organizations may express their interest in **all or any** of the above 13 intervention areas separately. Those interested in participating in the process should forward their expression of interest to <u>coi-bgd@unfpa.org</u> by 16th May 2022, 5:00 pm [Bangladesh Standard Time (BST)] enclosing the information listed below.

- Full legal name and address of applying institution
- Copy of valid legal registration in the country
- Mandate or mission statement of organisation
- Statement of organisation's expertise in the relevant area
- Short description of the organisation's existing operations in the subject matter area, including how long the operations have been carried out.

Upon receipt of the above information from prospective implementing partners, UNFPA will review applicants for placement on a short list of potential implementing partners. Those short-listed organisations may be invited to submit formal proposals to become an implementing partner. The Invitation for Proposal will provide a more detailed description of the scope of work.

Note:

Due to the high volume of communications, UNFPA is not in a position to confirm receipt of the expression of interest.