

Scope of Work for The Potential Implementing Partner to advance ICPD PoA and Achieving SDGs under the 10th Country Programme (2022-2026) of UNFPA Bangladesh

Background

Over the past 25 years, Bangladesh has been made significant progress in numerous areas of the ICPD PoA, including the reduction of maternal and child mortality, enhancement of girls' education, a decrease in fertility to near replacement level and improved universal access to reproductive health services. Besides, the PoA has greatly contributed to poverty reduction, socio-economic development and improving the life expectancy and overall health of the population.

The Government of Bangladesh plays a critical role in improving the population's well-being and attaining sustainable development by developing effective policies and making strategic investments. Consequently, Bangladesh has marked many successes on population goals over the four-plus decades of its existence, the preceding decade has brought out several areas of critical concerns. These trends in the ground realities are doubly troubling because early successes appear to have triggered a discourse ambivalence, particularly among policy-makers about the urgency of maintaining an unwavering focus on population policy. A dominant perception of being "on track" due to MDG-era successes actually belies the complexities of the "last mile" challenges that have surfaced in the SDG era.

After successful graduation from LDC, Bangladesh aspires to be a developed country by 2041. To achieve that the Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh has prepared the 8th Five Year Plan by considering the needs and demands of the country recognizing the significant regional variations. This has necessitated the need to integrate population dynamics into the whole socio-economic planning process, which will enlarge people's choices and create an enabling environment for people to enjoy long healthy and creative lives.

Under this background, this is an opportune time to give particular attention to generating evidence-based knowledge and information on recent demographic trends and future prospects, based upon the best available and most recent quantitative and qualitative evidence. This knowledge and information will be used as inputs to develop policies and programmes in line with the 8th FYP that will contribute to advancing the ICPD Programme of Action (POA) and reaching the Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Developmental Goals.

Successful sustainable development requires dynamic and inclusive strategic partnerships with NGOs who can play an instrumental role in the implementation, follow-up, progress review and enhance the accountability in the process of achieving ICPD PoA. Therefore, PPR is inviting potential NGOs to submit a comprehensive proposal following the guideline outlined in the Invitation of Proposal (IFP) for the following key activities for the next four years:

- In-depth secondary analysis of MICS, DHS data for further projection of major demographic indicators (fertility, mortality, unmet need for family planning among married adolescents and youth, child and early marriage etc.);
- Conduct studies on urban socio-economic issues e.g. child marriage in slum and non-slum areas; gender dimensions in urban policy/actions etc.;

- Support concerned ministries to develop a strategic plan to reap the demographic dividend in order to forward taking the aspirations of the 8th FYP;
- Facilitate the revision of the Population Policy 2012 taking into consideration the population dynamics, harnessing the demographic dividend and Agenda 2030/ SDGs;
- Develop an analytical report on NTA/NTTA using the latest surveys (e.g. Time Use Survey, LFS etc.), including population dynamics;
- Estimating the size and window of opportunity for Bangladesh under various population variants and migration assumptions using NTA;
- Estimate the socio-economic costs of GBV to generate evidence for advocacy and increasing financing;
- Evidence-based technical advice for analysis of barriers that limit economic participation of women in the workforce to fully achieve the demographic dividend potential;
- Develop knowledge product e.g. policy paper, policy briefs for evidence-based policy advocacy;
- Pilot and scale up an online platform with CSOs, private sector and government to generate demand for comprehensive SRHR services targeting excluded groups such as PWDs, drug users, sex workers, etc.;

Selection process and criteria: *Refer to IFP section 3*

Eligibility Criteria: National NGO/Research Organization that is experienced in policy research, policy advocacy, discourse promotion, policy networking and rapid response initiatives on issues of national urgency adequate governance, project management, financial and procurement capacity. Upon receipt of the Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective implementing partners, UNFPA will review applicants for placement on a shortlist of potential implementing partners. Those short-listed candidates may be invited to submit formal proposals to become an implementing partner for the 10th Country Programme of UNFPA Bangladesh.

Expression of interest must be contained the following information:

1. Full legal name and address of applying organization
2. Mandate or mission statement of the organization: Max 50 words
3. Statement of the organization's expertise in the relevant area: Max 400 words
4. Short description of the organization's existing operations in the subject matter area, and with what capacity and can work in future with UNFPA if selected: Max 600 words

Files to be enclosed as annexure:

1. Signed forwarding letter on the organization's letterhead
2. Copy of all valid legal registrations authenticated by the head of the office
3. Supporting document of last two project/ programmes, relevant to the two above mentioned scope of works
4. Scan copy of previous three years Audit report.
5. List of organizational relevant policies (if necessary we will ask for any policy)

The procedure of Submission:

1. The EoI must be submitted in English.
2. Follow the EoI format using Times New Roman font, size 12 single space

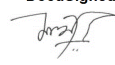
3. Deadline for submission is: 28 February2022

Only postal submissions will be accepted using the following address:

**Chief, PPR Unit, UNFPA Bangladesh, 15th Floor, IDB Bhavan (UN Offices)
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Submissions that fail to comply with the abovementioned instructions or are incomplete will be excluded from consideration.

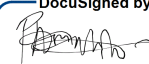
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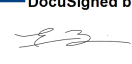
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