Expression of Interest for Partnership - Template

UNFPA Pacific Sub-Regional Office

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| **Section 1: Background (for information)** | |
| 1.1 UNFPA mandate | UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. |
| 1.2 UNFPA Sub-Regional Programme of Assistance in the Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) and the Transformative Agenda for Women, Adolescents and Youth in the Pacific | UNFPA Pacific Sub-Regional Office works with the governments and other partners to contribute to the achievement of universal access to integrated sexual and reproductive health services, the realization of reproductive rights and the reduction of maternal mortality and morbidity to accelerate progress towards the ICPD Programme of Action/Sustainable Development Goals by improving the lives of women, adolescents and youth in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs). The Australian Government is a crucial partner to accelerate the move towards zero unmet need for family planning in the Pacific through the “Transformative Agenda” initiative, a key program aligned with the UNFPA Sub-regional Programme (SRP6) of assistance to the PICTs, and in line with one of the three transformative results that UNFPA launched in 2018 globally.  The SRP6 is designed to strengthen a) access to quality integrated sexual and reproductive health services for women, adolescents and youth, across the development humanitarian nexus; b) national capacity to design and implement community and school-based family life education programmes; c) national capacity to address and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls including their reproductive rights and need for ending violence against women; d) integration of violence against women in the national health sector; e) national statistical systems to ensure increased availability, analysis and utilization of high quality data; and f) use of demographic intelligence to improve policies, programmes and advocacy.    Further information on the two integrated programmes are found on the following links:  [Sub-regional Programme Document](https://pacific.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/submissions/UNFPA%20Pacific%20Sub-regional%20Programme%20Document%20%202018-2022.pdf)  [Transformative Agenda Programme Document](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/transformative-agenda-women-adolescents-youth-pacific.pdf) |
| 1.3 Specific results and strategic  interventions | Within these programme frameworks set out for the period 2018-2022 and working with governments, civil society, and other partners, UNFPA is planning to deliver the following results, with indicative planning budget by output[[1]](#footnote-1):  **Output 1**: Strengthened delivery of high quality, integrated[[2]](#footnote-2) SRH information and services for women, adolescents and youth across the development-humanitarian continuum - USD2,394,565  *Strategic interventions*:   * 1. Expanded and improved SRH service availability through strengthened policy and in-service training for existing health officers   2. Enhanced operational standards and referral systems for improved access to integrated, disability inclusive and youth-friendly services   3. Strengthened mechanisms to evaluate the quality of SRH services at all levels and ensure lessons learned are applied to improve policy and regulatory frameworks   4. Strengthened national and sub-national levels mechanisms and capacities to effectively manage and coordinate integrated SRH services, including accountability, decision-making, and feedback structures for programme planning, monitoring and evaluation   5. Developed sustainable capacity to effectively forecast, procure, distribute and track supply chain interventions in PICTs through forecasting methodologies for SRH supplies, including contraceptives, developing frameworks for regional procurement, and designing supply chain system, specifically for last-mile distribution, to avert stock-outs   6. Continuity of integrated SRH and GBV services ensured during humanitarian crisis, including natural disasters   7. Pacific GBV in Emergency (GBViE) strategies developed and national capacity built to strengthen GBViE coordination, preparedness and response   **Output 2:**  Strengthened health workforce capacities in health management and clinical skills for high-quality and integrated sexual and reproductive health services - USD1,939,110  *Strategic Interventions*:   * 1. SRH guidelines and protocols are assessed/adapted/developed and implemented according to international standards, including for addressing VAWG/GBV[[3]](#footnote-3)   2. Pre-service curricula and training manuals provide comprehensive education on contraception (to ensure increased method mix) and integrated SRH services   3. Enhanced health worker in-service training mechanism for delivery of quality integrated SRH services, including family planning and counselling   4. Expanded in-country capacity to manage quality integrated SRH services, including family planning, VAWG prevention and response and youth and disability inclusive services in development and humanitarian settings   5. Country-level comprehensive GBV training strategies, including digital learning, and pre- and in-service systems are developed, adopted, and implemented to strengthen health system response services to GBV survivors   **Output 3:** Increased community engagement and leadership in support of SRH, especially for contraceptive choice - USD1,163,538  *Strategic Interventions*:   * 1. Enhanced knowledge, attitudes and practices related to youth, adolescents and disability inclusive SRH and contraception among the general population, with special emphasis on specific target audiences   2. Communities are mobilized and engaged and community leadership is increased to improve knowledge on and demand for SRH and family planning   3. Research into socio-cultural determinants of adolescent pregnancy and their economic impact in PICTs   4. Research conducted on social and cultural norms, traditions, behaviours, practices and attitudes to identify barriers which interfere with and/or prevent women’s access to SRH services, in particular those related to GBV and conceptions of masculinity/femininity   5. Training packages and tools developed for a “Healthy Families Initiative” which support engaging men and boys to increase women and young people’s access to SRH information, commodities, and services and to decrease Gender-based Violence   **Output 4:**  Increased national capacity to design and implement community- and school-based family life education (FLE) programmes that promote human rights and gender equality - USD1,587,990  *Strategic Interventions*:   * 1. Improved quality and delivery of FLE programme in and out of schools through strengthened curricula, pedagogy and teacher training   2. Improved monitoring, evaluation and learning frameworks and the evidence base for FLE   3. FLE is integrated into national and regional strategies, plans and policies   **Output 5:** Expanded evidence-based legislation, public policy and programming that support sexual and reproductive health and rights, especially for youth, violence survivors and people with disabilities - USD2,673,780  *Strategic Interventions:*   * 1. Advocacy for, and influence within, policy discussions for key SRH, VAWG, disability and population issues including in disaster risk reduction policies and emergency preparedness and response   2. A Pacific Centre of Excellence, linked with the UNFPA regional kNOwVAW data initiative, is established to bolster up data collection, analysis and literacy on VAWG prevalence, to build capacity and to support evidence-based policy formulation   3. Evidence-based communications strategy developed and implemented to sensitize and engage media, CSOs, NGOs, identify champions and promote accurate and positive SRH/FP/GBV messages     **Output 6:** Increased availability, analysis and use of high quality, disaggregated, nationally prioritized population and SRH data - USD1,791,510  *Strategic Interventions*:   * 1. Strengthened capacity of the National Statistical Offices and Ministries of Health to collect and analyse SRH and VAWG data through key data collection sources, e.g. HIS, DHS/MICS and Census   2. Expanded use and dissemination of data and lessons learned to report on progress of integrated SRH services, in particular family planning, and to use in national and sectoral planning, policy, monitoring and evaluation   3. New methodologies developed, existing methodologies improved and technologies used to capture and ensure availability of timely and high quality population and SRH/FP/GBV data   Interventions all converge towards increasing the percentage of women of reproductive age whose family planning needs have been met with modern methods of contraception; reducing the adolescent birth rate; increasing coverage of fully qualified skilled birth attendants; integrating essential health services for women and girls subject to violence within sexual and reproductive health; and improving young people’s access to high quality sexual and reproductive health services and gender-responsive family life education. |

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| **Section 2. Organization Identification (Please fill in)** | | |
| 2.1 Organization information | Organization name |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |
| 2.2 | Organization legal registration | ***Please attach copy of valid legal registration - in country of implementation for national organisations/institutions and/or in home country for international/regional organisations/institutions*** |
| 2.2 Contact information | Name |  |
| Title/Function |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| 2.3 Conflict of interest statement | To your knowledge, do any staff member(s) of your organization have personal or financial relationships with any staff of UNFPA, or any other conflicts of interest with this programme or UNFPA? If so, please explain. |  |
| 2.4. Fraud statement | Does your organization have fraud prevention policies and practices in place? |  |

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| **Section 3. Overview of the organization (Please fill in)** |

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| 3.1 Annual budget | Size of annual budget (previous year, USD) |  |
| Source of funding | ***Outline funding base, including local, international, and private sector donors*** |
| Main funding partners/ donors |  |
| 3.2 Staff capacity | ***List of number and key functions of core organization staff and attach organogram*** | |

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| 3.3 Organization mandate and background | ***Outline the organization’s mandate and field of work, and how it aligns to UNFPA’s mandate****.* |
| 3.4 Available expertise and specialists | ***Outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organization to achieve results in the proposed programmatic area*** |
| 3.5 Experience in proposed area of work | ***Outline of type/scope and key results achieved in proposed programmatic area in recent years, including any recognition received at local / global level for the work in the proposed area. Include a summary experience in the PICTs and prior experience with any organization of the United Nations*** |
| 3.6 Knowledge of the local context/ Accessibility to target population | ***Outline of presence and community relations in the location(s) the activities will be implemented in: include access to vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas, if any)*** |
| 3.7 Credibility | ***To what extent is the organization recognized as credible by the government, and/or other key stakeholders/partners? Include regional and national affiliations and/or memberships and/or leadership of coordination structures*** |
| 3.8 Monitoring | ***Outline the systems in place (policies, procedures, guidelines, and other tools) that systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data*** |

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| **Section 4. Partner programme proposal (please fill in)** | |
| 4.1 Proposal Summary | ***This section should provide a brief summary of the proposed interventions and their linkages with the results stated under 1.3 above.***  ***It should identify the Output and Strategic Intervention(s) towards which your organization will work, the proposed activities within the selected Strategic Intervention(s), targeted countries, and regional focus if any.*** |
| 4.2 Expected results and proposed budget | ***“What” this proposal will achieve - expected results – and proposed indicative total budget*** |
| 4.3 Description of activities and budget | ***This section includes a detailed description of budgeted activities to be undertaken to produce the expected results. Clear linkages between activities and results must be indicated. The applicant may include a separate excel spreadsheet with full details of activities and associated budget.*** |
| 4.4 Gender, Equity and Sustainability | ***Explain briefly the practical measures taken in the proposal to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations*** |
| 4.5 People living with disabilities (PLWD) | ***Explain briefly the practical measures taken in the proposal to address provision of information and services that are inclusive of people living with disabilities*** |
| 4.6 Additional documentation | ***Additional documentation can be mentioned here for reference*** |

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| **Section 5: Process for assessment of partners (for information)** | | |
| 5.1 Review & evaluation of organization/  institution submission | Applications will be assessed by a review panel to identify organizations and institutions that have the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to support achievement of results *using criteria outlined in section 5.2 below*.  It should be noted, however, that participation in this Invitation for Expression of Interest does not guarantee the organization or institution will be selected for partnership with UNFPA. Selected organizations/institutions will be invited to develop and submit formal proposals to become an implementing partner and eventually enter into an implementing partner agreement in accordance with applicable UNFPA programme policy and procedures. | |
| 5.2 Selection criteria | Eligible organizations and institutions will be selected in a transparent and competitive manner, based on their capacity to ensure the highest quality of service, including the ability to apply innovative strategies to meet programme priorities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. UNFPA Pacific Sub-regional Office will review evidence provided by the organization/institution; in addition the Office will evaluate interests based on the following: | |
| Governance & Leadership | * The organization/institution has a clearly defined mission and goals that reflect the organization’s structure and context, as well as alignment to UNFPA priority areas. * Organization/Institution does not have a history of fraud, complaints or service delivery issues. |
| Human Resource | * Organization/institution has sufficient staff resources and technical expertise to implement the proposed activities. * Organization/Institution does not have conflicts of interest with UNFPA or its personnel that cannot be effectively mitigated. |
|  | Comparative Advantage | * The organization’s/institution’s mission and/or strategic plan focuses on at least one of the UNFPA’s programme areas. * The organization/institution has experience in the country or field and enjoys prominence in areas related to UNFPA’s mandate. * The organization/organization has a proven track record in implementing similar activities and is seen as credible by its stakeholders and partners. * The organization/organization has relevant community presence and ability to reach the target audience; especially vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas. |
|  | Monitoring | * The organization/institution has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyze and use programme monitoring data |
|  | Partnerships | * The organization/institution has established partnerships with the government and other relevant local, international and private sector entities. |
|  | Environmental Considerations | * The organization/institution has established policies or practices to reduce the environmental impact of its activities. If no policies exist, the organization/institution must not have a history of its activities causing negative impact to the environment. |

1. Indicative planning budget by output is (i) for the period Jul 2019-Dec 2022, (ii) subject to availability of resources, and (iii) inclusive of all implementing partners, including governments [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Youth-friendly services, prevention and response to GBV survivors, services for persons living with disabilities, and humanitarian preparedness and response [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Terminology referencing VAW and GBV is used interchangeably through this document reflecting the priorities of UNFPA and DFAT. In general terms, GBV is a broader definition encompassing a range of violence beyond that perpetrated against women and girls [↑](#footnote-ref-3)