

Level: Consultant

Contract Type: National Consultancy

Closing date: 30 June 2020 - 5:30pm (Fiji Time)

Duty station: Honiara, Solomon Islands

Duration of contract: 12 days

Job Title: National Data Gathering Consultants for PRSRH Programme Evaluation

The Consultant reports directly to the Assistant Representative and works in close collaboration with the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist.

In September 2017, the UN Executive Board endorsed the 6th cycle Sub Regional. In September 2017, the Executive Board endorsed the 6th cycle Sub Regional Programme (SRP6) for the Pacific 2018-2022. The programme comprises 3 components: Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health services; Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and data for sustainable development. Interventions focus on improving adolescents' and youth SRHR, and also on ensuring that prevention and response to VAWG are mainstreamed throughout the three components. The programme was developed by the UNFPA PSRO team in consultation with key stakeholders in the Pacific sub region and is aligned to regional frameworks and the national development priorities of the PICTs. The SRP6 contributes to the United Nations Pacific Strategy 2018-2022, the global UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021, the Pacific Sustainable Development Indicators and the Pacific Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework.

One of the key programmes under the SRP6 that will conclude at the end of September 2020, is the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) funded Pacific Regional Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme (PRSRH) 2014-2020. The revised overall goal of the programme following the mid-term review in 2017 is a situation of improved sexual and reproductive health of young people in the Pacific. The revised objective of the programme was to move unmet need for family planning to zero through universal access to integrated AYSRH and enjoyment of sexual and reproductive rights. To achieve this goal, the programme concentrates on achieving three outcomes: increasing and improving supply of integrated adolescent and youth SRH (AYSRH) services and information particularly family planning; increasing demand for integrated AYSRH services and information particularly family planning; and creating a more conducive and supportive environment for young people to enjoy SRH and especially contraceptive choice.

The PRSRH programme which focuses on 5 countries namely Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu, began implementation in July 2014 and will reach the end of its term in September 2020. An end of programme evaluation is due to determine what programme results have been achieved and what lessons have been learned.

The main purpose of the PRSRH Programme evaluation is to (i) assess the results of the investment i.e. was this a good investment or not; (ii) identify lessons from the investment that would be useful for both MFAT and UNFPA PSRO, also working to strengthen the relationship between both parties;

and (iii) to provide evidence to guide MFAT future SRHR investment in the Pacific, which remains a priority for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The specific objectives are:

1. To assess the PRSRHP's achievement of stated outputs and both short and medium-term outcomes i.e. effectiveness.
2. To assess the extent to which access to SRHR and strengthening country capacity are priority health needs for partner countries i.e. relevance
3. To assess the delivery of the PRSRHP by partner organisations and by UNFPA regarding their responses to the MTR recommendations i.e. efficiency
4. To identify the key changes/adjustments (programmatic, operational, etc.) required by UNFPA to enable conditions that support successful SRH investments i.e sustainability
5. To assess if there were any medium to long term effects produced by the interventions particularly on adolescents and young people i.e. impact
6. To assess the impacts of concurrent implementation of the Transformative Agenda (TA) and PRSRH programmes including, for example, ability to achieve PRSRHP outputs and outcomes, and ability to attribute successes to PRSRHP given overlapping scope, objectives, and recipient countries.

Given the current COVID19 pandemic travel restrictions, the evaluation is seeking applications for in country based qualitative interviewers and data collectors in each of the countries covered by the programme (Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu), to mainly assist in the data collection phase of the PRSRHP evaluation. A lead international evaluation consultant has been recruited to conduct, lead and oversee the evaluation. In country data collectors would be already based in country to execute the rollout of the information gathering as designed by the lead consultant.

Scope of Work

The **National Data Gathering Consultants** based in each PRSRHP country will support the lead international consultant in the data gathering phase of the PRSRHP terminal evaluation and will:

- First and foremost, review the inception report and other key programme documents to gain a better understanding of the exercise and the issues evaluated as outlined in the lead consultant's inception report
- Provide qualitative and quantitative data collection support around the key questions and focus areas of the PRSRHP Terminal evaluation;
- Provide feedback and country context input on the methodologies designed by the lead consultant
- Ensure a good coverage of stakeholder interviews as listed in the final stakeholder list
- Prepare interview feedback summaries and analysis to the lead consultant including any other data and information collected through reports, FGDs and any other method specified by the lead consultant.

His/her primary responsibilities will be:

- Working with UNFPA M&E Specialist and the lead consultant in providing the required inputs to the data gathering process and methodology for the evaluation;
- Attending and participating in training and meetings for data collectors that will be conducted by the lead consultant
- Executing the interviews and data collection plan in country under the guidance and supervision of the lead consultant as outlined in the inception report.
- Summarizing and preparing feedback reports on the data collection and any other information that would be required in country by the lead consultant.

- Participating in, and providing inputs into, the in-country debriefing, including PowerPoint slides

Deliverables

The respective country data gathering and collection service is expected to be delivered simultaneously in all the 5 PRSRHP countries over 10-12 days or as required otherwise. The indicative timelines are as outlined below with the final deliverable to be submitted **electronically**. The assignment will start around the second week of July 2020 with final deliverables to be submitted to UNFPA and the lead consultant no later than **31st August 2020**.

Indicative Activities	National Data Gathering Consultants	
	Number of Days	Indicative deadlines
Data collection		
Review and digest Evaluation Inception Report and other key documents, and participate in inception report presentation with PSRO and ERG	1	14-Jul-20
Participate in orientation and training of data collectors	1	15-Jul-20
Execute data collection methodology as outlined by the lead consultant	5	16-22-Jul-20
Prepare and submit summary/ analysis of country input to lead consultant for final reports	4-5	23-29-Jul-20
Participate and provide input to in-country debriefing led by international consultant	0.5	31-Jul-20 -7 Aug-20
TOTAL	12	

Payment Schedule

Deliverable	Indicative Deadline for Submission to UNFPA PSRO	% Contractual Fees Payout
1. Inception Report and other key documents reviewed, and Inception Report presentation participation 2. Data collection training participation 3. Data collection conducted 4. Analysis of data collection and Input to in-country debriefing, including PowerPoint slides 5. Final Summary report of data submitted within format specifications provided	31 July 2020 – 7 August 2020	100%

Expected Travel

Domestic travel within the country

Requirements and Qualification

The **National Data Gathering Consultant** must have experience and/or already have contributed in any research, evaluation or review of SRHR/health or other social programs. Some understanding of UNFPA's mandated areas of programming i.e. SRH, youth, GBV and population and development will be a key advantage but not necessary. He/She must also have experience in applying evaluation/review methods particularly face to face interviews, conducting focus discussions and or conducting surveys.

Education:

Advanced University (Masters) degree in Public Health, Development Studies, Sociology, Social Studies, International Relations or other related field.

Knowledge and Experience:

- At least 5 years of experience in relevant programming areas. Preference will be given to candidates with experience conducting evaluations and review of SRH/ Health education and other social programs.
- Knowledge or experience of working with the United Nations, particularly UNFPA. Preference will be given to candidate who have a strong understanding of UNFPA's policies and programming.
- Proven skills in research analysis, including quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis techniques.
- Excellent report English writing skills, analytical skills, and computer skills.
- Excellent command in written and spoken English

Languages:

- Fluency in oral and written English is essential.

Inputs:

- Laptop (consultant required to use own laptop)

How to Apply:

- Register your profile in the UNFPA Consultant Roster via <https://www.unfpa.org/unfpa-consultant-roster> and
- Submit cover letter/proposal stating how you meet the above criteria, CV and your consultancy daily fee by email to vacanciespsro@unfpa.org by 30 June 2020 with title: "Consultant- **National Data Gathering Consultant, Solomon Islands**".