

TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Consultant: Development of an Investment Case for The Gambia	
Hiring Office:	UNFPA - The Gambia CO
Context and justification:	<p>The commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the landmark International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 2019 afforded countries, including The Gambia the opportunity to renew and reinforce their commitments to ensure better access and utilization of sexual and reproductive health services including family planning, to prevent maternal deaths and to eliminate all forms of gender based-violence.</p> <p>UNFPA's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan aims to “achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights and reduce maternal mortality with a view to accelerating progress in the implementation of the Program of Action resulting from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, in order to improve the living conditions of women, adolescents and young people, based on population dynamics, human rights and gender equality.” For this, the Organization has defined three transformative results which it aims to achieve, commonly known as the “3 zeros”: (i) Zero preventable maternal deaths, (ii) zero unmet need for family planning (iii) zero gender-based violence and harmful practices, such as child marriage and female genital mutilation. All the interventions of the Organisation are designed to contribute directly or indirectly to the achievement of these "3 zeros".</p> <p>The Gambia in particular will not achieve the transformative results by 2030 without accelerating progress towards these results and the acceleration will not happen without filling the resource gaps and stepping-up political commitment at all levels. The Gambia with the support of UNFPA has initiated the development of their investment case for the three transformative results.</p>
Objective and Scope of the consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The investment case will help in better understanding the needs, funding flows and gaps pertaining to the transformative results in The Gambia and provide a clear and up-to-date maternal health, family planning, and gender based-violence, including harmful practices (female genital mutilation and child marriage) service needs and gaps, in-country plans and options of how to step up efforts to meet needs in a sustainable manner. • The output document will be used as a robust advocacy resource mobilization and financing tool to engage the Government of The Gambia and other stakeholders on appropriate interventions geared towards the achievement of improved maternal health, family planning and gender based violence and ultimately the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It will ultimately ensure that the ICPD agenda is captured in the UNSDCF process. <p>The objective of the consultancy is to help the Government develop the Investment Case for the 3 Transformative Results in The Gambia.</p> <p>The specific objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize aggregate country-level data related to current financing and commitments to maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence; • Identify options on filling the gaps for essential maternal health services, modern contraceptives and gender based-violence services (for 10 years); • Develop options for increased national investment in maternal health, family planning / reproductive health commodity security, and gender-based violence; • Develop an implementation plan of maternal health/family planning/gender-based violence business case towards financial sustainability along with its monitoring and evaluation framework.
Scope of work:	<u>Activities</u>

<p><i>(Description of services, activities, or outputs)</i></p>	<p>To reach the above objectives, the consultants will undertake a set of activities including among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out a landscape analysis of maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence in The Gambia, including major policy changes underway at (global and national) level and their implications; • Analyse the current funding situation of maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence through analysis of in-country funding flows indicating overall need; current support/availability of reproductive health commodities; and the gap between overall need and current availability (define the current resource gaps until 2030 years); • Respond to some critical questions on: How to prevent maternal death, family planning and women's empowerment are contributing to economic growth? How failure to invest in maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence could increase social demand and fail development initiatives? What are the financial resources invested in maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence in the country? What will happen if donors stop funding of reproductive health commodities in the country? • Design projected scenarios at the national and subnational level to address the inequalities in accessing and utilization of maternal health, family planning and gender-based services across the country and to increase and sustain funding for maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence in the country.; • Develop a roadmap for financing maternal health, family planning and, gender equality and women empowerment at the national level taking into account the fiscal space in the country, identifying who, when, how and what affects the decision making of domestic resources allocation for maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence services and commodities.
<p>Duration and working schedule:</p>	<p>The consultancy will last for 14 weeks. Start date will be determined upon completion of the recruitment process.</p>
<p>Place where services are to be delivered:</p>	<p>The Gambia</p>
<p>Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (<i>e.g.</i> electronic, hard copy etc.):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape analysis with regards to the 3 Transformative Results which includes ending preventable maternal deaths, ending unmet need for family planning, and ending gender-based violence; • An analysis of the current state of funding for maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence; • An analysis of funding flows in the country indicating the overall need, current support, availability of reproductive health commodities, and the gap between the overall need and the current availability (defining current resource gaps up to 2030); • Forecast scenarios at the national and sub-national level in order to remedy the inequalities in access and use of maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence services in the country and to increase and maintain funding for maternal health, family planning and the fight against gender-based violence in the country; • A roadmap for financing maternal health, family planning, gender equality and women's empowerment at the national level taking into account the country's budgetary room for maneuver, identifying who, when, how and what influences decision-making about the allocation of national resources to maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence services and commodities.
<p>Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation analysis: landscapes of maternal health, family planning and gender-based violence; related flows of funding • Elaboration of forecast scenarios at national and sub-national level • Development of the roadmap for financing maternal health, family planning, gender equality and women's empowerment at the national level • Compilation of the investment file • Validation of the investment file
<p>Supervisory arrangements:</p>	<p>The Consultant will work under the supervision of the international consultant, country office's Representative and in close collaboration with government partners associated with the process. The consultant will benefit from technical assistance from Avenir Health.</p>

Expected travel:	N/A
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	<p><i>Skills/knowledge necessary in the team of consultants to carry out this work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health economics. • Financial development engineering. • Thematic on the 3 transformative results. • Dynamics of national development processes and government institutions. <p><i>Qualification of national consultant:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced university degree in public health, medicine and other related field; • Having experience in health economics will be an asset • Analytical skills in sector-based and/or development programme dimensions • At least 10 years- of progressive professional experience in development, design of public health strategies, policies and related documents in developing countries; • Demonstrated successful experience in completing consultancy assignments with the health sector of The Gambia and developing of evidence-based publications, survey reports, strategic plan, policy briefs, strategies, guidelines, reports; • Fluency in English with excellent writing, analytical and communication skills.
Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g. support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:	As required
Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:	<p>Payments and any related travel will be made in accordance with UNFPA rules and procedures. Reports and other written deliverables must be submitted in English and electronic copies to UNFPA.</p> <p>All reports will be the property of UNFPA and shall not be used without prior written authorisation.</p>
<p>Signature:</p> <p>Date: 9th April 9, 2021</p>	