

## *Terms of Reference to conduct a survey on the access and provision of SRH and GBV services in the humanitarian-development context*

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### **Background:**

The Ethiopia Constitution of 1995 contains several provisions relevant to women's rights and the protection and promotion of the rights of children in article 36. Several other laws have been enacted or amended since to ensure women's and children's rights are more comprehensively addressed. Reproductive rights embrace certain human rights that are already recognized in national laws, international laws or agreements too. Violations of sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) are considered forms of gender based violence (GBV), requiring therefore, that GBV programs take account of violations of SRHR.

Gender-based violence has been a component of war and conflict. Nowadays it continues to be an element in almost all conflicts, targeting primarily women and girls. Gender-based violence occurs in times of peace as well as during conflict, but the conditions brought about by war and other emergencies exacerbate the tendencies towards violence.

Ethiopia's humanitarian crisis is a growing challenge that disproportionately affects women, girls, and young people. According to the Internal Organization for Migration, there were 4.2 million internally displaced persons in Ethiopia as of September 2021. People living at IDP sites are particularly vulnerable to risks related to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and have limited access to critical SRH services. Despite increased prioritization and coverage of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in humanitarian settings in recent decades, significant unmet needs remain high. Women and adolescent girls in particular are disproportionately affected by GBV, whilst ensuring multi-sectorial support for all survivors.

Both qualitative and quantitative study is planned to conduct at national level on access to SRH and GBV services at various emergency settings with the support and facilitation of a consultant. The prospective consultant is expected to collect relevant set of information from Addis Ababa, SNNP, Amhara, Afar and Oromiya regions that are affected by conflict, drought and other emergencies. It is also expected that the consultants will work with government institutions, partners and

civil society organizations to identify the research participants, particularly women, girls, youth and person with disability as respondents.

### **Purpose:**

It is to inform programming by Government, civil society, international organizations, and the donor community, that seeks to prevent and respond to GBV in Ethiopia. It also supports humanitarian/development interventions across other sectors to better understand the risks of GBV that must be mitigated within their various responses.

### **General Objective**

The study will provide overview to identify the main activating factors and effects of GBV in Ethiopia, to inform SRH and GBV actors operating in the country for the right decision and intervention approach in both humanitarian and development settings.

### **Specific objectives**

- ✓ To assess availability and accessibility of SRH and GBV service in selected five regions
- ✓ Improve access to GBV and SRH service to women, adolescent, vulnerable girls, and person with disability.
- ✓ Inform stakeholders in GBV and SRH prevention and response in Ethiopia including government, civil societies and other international organizations working on the sector.

### **Methodology:**

Qualitative and quantitative data collection methods and cross analyses of published and unpublished documents will be used to get the required information. The sources of information will be from health facilities, policies station, media, IDP centers and community. Focus group discussions, key informant interview and observation also planned to collect the data from GBV survivors/ vulnerable group, regional health bureau and bureau of women and social affairs representatives using semi-structured questionnaire. Record review will also planned to review the GBV risks, including news, reports, research findings, publications, and cluster minutes, health facility as well police station records to retrieve information. Site

visit/ observation was also used to determine the environmental condition and to ensure the existence of SRH and GBV service delivery in the selected regions

**Scope:**

The study planned to conduct in five regions that are Addis Ababa, Southern Nations and nationality people, Amhara, Afar and Oromiya.

The Consultant will:

- Provide the overall coordination, supervision, and quality assurance for the whole study.
- Develop a comprehensive proposal outlining the methodology and rationale, choice and design of data collection tools, timelines, roles and responsibilities of personnel involved. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of youth participatory methods. Select/design appropriate data collection tools for qualitative study. Undertake the data collection in Addis Ababa, SNNP, Amhara and Oromiya.
- Carry out validations and incorporate feedbacks collected from validation.

CORHA will:

- Make available existing documents from Sudan and Syria GBV assessment report to provide background and context, preventing duplication of work.
- Provide technical support and invite UNFPA experts during process of the study like during tools development and approve the data collection tools before the start of the data collection.
- Provide close follow ups, technical backstopping, review preliminary reports and provide continuous feedbacks.
- Facilitate financial requests as per the standard organizational operation manual
- Facilitate stakeholder participation in the exercise, including availability of the donors in validation as well finalization process of study.

**Tasks and deliverables:**

- Submission of comprehensive inception report/plan.
- Produce and share Data collection instruments.
- Write draft report based on the assessment findings
- Rewrite a draft, by incorporating comments, feedback, and inputs from validation stakeholders including CORHA, UNFPA, implementing partners.
- Organize the final validation workshop
- Submit a final report

- Draw out Summary briefs and recommendations that could guide government planning and policy dialogue.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Strong understanding of SRH and GBV programing approaches especially in humanitarian settings.
- Knowledge on the current SRH in humanitarian situation in Ethiopia especially for those with multiple, compounded vulnerabilities.
- Expertise and track record on methodologies and conducting qualitative studies in SRH and GBV programing at humanitarian settings.

**Intellectual property rights**

All intellectual property rights in the work to be performed under this agreement shall be vested in UNFPA and its implementing partners in the regions and including without limitations, the right to use, publish, translate, sell, or distribute, privately or publicly, any item or part thereof.

**Required qualification:**

The consulting firm/ consultant shall have the following experience and qualifications:

- ✓ A minimum of post-graduate or equivalent qualification/degree in Public Health, Gender studies, Psychology, Project Management or related disciplines.
- ✓ Proven experience in survey, project management, and monitoring and evaluation system
- ✓ Good analysis, writing, communication and editing skills (proven by track record).
- ✓ Ability to design appropriate research methodology and use of monitoring and evaluation frameworks.
- ✓ Willingness to travel to region and collect data, observe the situation and conduct interviews with key personnel.
- ✓ Submit documents that show their legal personality, profile of the consultant/ firm, latest curriculum vitae/s of key personnel, copies of registration and renewed trade license
- ✓ Ability to deliver tasks on time.
- ✓ You will be requested to submit the proposals if you are qualified.

**Criteria for the selection of a consultant:** Technical proposal will Weight 70% and financial proposals also weigh about 30%.

*The assignment is expected to take a total of 45 days and shall commence from May 20, 2023 and will conclude by July 5, 2023. The Payment shall be made in three installments and based on the organization financial manual. All payment under the contract for this consultancy service will be subject to tax deduction based on Ethiopian revenue rules and regulation.*