

TOR to conduct research on economic return of investing on AYSRH in industrial park

Back Ground

There are about one third young people in the Ethiopia today who have specific health and development needs, and many face challenges that threaten their well-being, including poverty, a lack of access to health information and services, and unsafe environments. Among the work places where young people can be accessed significantly is industrial park. The demographic composition of the workforce in industrial parks point to potential sexual and reproductive health challenges. Studies have shown that adolescents and youth living in industrial parks face particular sexual and reproductive health risks. Low levels of knowledge and confidence around sexual and reproductive health issues, combined with the abrupt transition from living in traditional home settings to living alone in areas with more men, creates a higher potential for risks such as sexually transmitted infections, HIV, and unwanted pregnancy.

Investing in AYSRH has positive effects on increasing productivity and in turn yields economic return to both investors and the country to a great extent. The intended study is expected

Providing AYRH services at industrial parks would reduce unintended pregnancies and unplanned births, unsafe abortion and complications from induced abortions and, prevent HIV and other STIs which implies on productivity and effectiveness of workers.

Purpose

The study aims to explore economic returns and estimate cost effectiveness of investing on AYSRH taking selected industrial parks as showcase Ethiopia.

Specific objectives

- The study will examine AYSRH investments in different industry sectors where young people have significant population demography.
- Evaluate cost-benefit analysis and calculate the economic returns to investments in youth
- Explore how AYSRH service can be accessible at industry parks.

Methodology

Economic estimate tool will be used to study the value return of companies or work places such as industrial parks. Structured questionnaire will be used to collect relevant information. A key informant interview and focus group discussion will also be undertaken to identify needs and challenges of adolescents and youth working at industrial parks.

Scope

The study planned to conduct at selected three industrial parks that are Bole Lemi, Hawassa, and Adama.

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 the study. Undertake the data collection at selected three industry parks.
- Present major findings on validation workshop and incorporate feedbacks collected from validation.

Deliverables

- Submission of comprehensive inception report/plan.
- Produce and share Data collection instruments.
- Draft assessment report to be shared with partners for comments and inputs
- Final assessment report incorporation comments, feedback, and inputs from key partners including CORHA, UNFPA and, other implementing partners.

Required qualification:

The consultant shall have the following experience and qualifications:

- A minimum of post-graduate or Doctorate qualification/degree in Health Economics, Public Health, Reproductive health or related disciplines for more than ten years of experience
- Proven experience in conducting study especially related to economic estimates/ costing for AYSRH programs in development sectors
- Good analysis, writing, communication and editing skills,
- Willingness to travel to region and collect data, observe the situation and conduct interviews with key personnel.
- Ability to meet deadlines.

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.