

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

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Hiring Office:	UNFPA WCARO
Purpose of consultancy:	<p><b><u>Background</u></b></p> <p>West and Central Africa's (WCA) population is predominantly young. More than 64% are under the age of 24. Young people are a tremendous resource for the region – but their potential will only be realized when the right investments in their education, health, skills and empowerment are made.</p> <p>Yet young people in this region face considerable challenges. This region has some of the world's highest levels of child marriage, adolescent pregnancy and maternal mortality rates (especially among adolescents).</p> <p>UNFPA recognizes the critical importance of investing in adolescents and youth to harness the demographic dividend in West and Central Africa. Within this context, UNFPA has increased its' investments in strengthening and scaling up adolescent- and youth-friendly health services, particularly sexual and reproductive health services including in school settings.</p> <p>The French Muskoka fund is a unique catalytic funding mechanism on RMNCAH at national and regional level encouraging coordination, innovation and a sharing of technical expertise and synergy in action at the health facilities level between four agencies: UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women and WHO.</p> <p>The French Muskoka Fund, a seven-year, joint initiative with UNFPA, UNICEF, UN WOMEN and WHO, is funded by the French Government for interventions in Benin, Chad, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. The four (4) agencies are working together to implement strategic high-impact interventions that strengthen health systems and aim to improve RMNCAH. This unique catalytic funding mechanism is aligned with national policies and plans to support coordination mechanisms and complement inter-country activities and regional.</p> <p>Adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) is one of the 4 main pillars of interventions and has become the most important in terms of funding. At regional level, UNFPA led the development of the first regional AYSRH inter-agency strategy and framework. UNFPA and other Muskoka partners use this regional strategy to reduce adolescent pregnancies through comprehensive sexuality education programmes and adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive health services. This is currently implemented in eight countries benefiting from the French Muskoka Fund.</p> <p><b><u>Purpose of the consultancy</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this consultancy will be to undertake a regional and country level study of existing adolescent- and youth-friendly services in West and Central Africa. The country studies will cover 4 countries (Senegal, Togo, Guinea, and Tchad) where UNFPA is supporting these services through the Muskoka programme. The purpose of this study will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify promising practices based on the latest evidence and guidance</li><li>• Identify gaps, and areas for improvement</li><li>• Analyse the potential to scale and replicate these services</li><li>• Map other partners and initiatives working on the same type of services</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide recommendations on how to improve these services, link them better with complementary in and out-of school interventions(e.g. comprehensive sexuality education in and out-of school), and collaborate with other partners especially other Muskoka UN agencies</li> </ul> <p>The study will be undertaken through both desk-based review of existing documents/research/data as well as through field visits in all 4 countries.</p>
<p>Scope of work:</p> <p><i>(Description of services, activities, or outputs)</i></p>	<p><b>Specific tasks for the assignment:</b></p> <p>The specific tasks for the assignment consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) Preparatory phase (3 days):</b> This will start by a Skype call with the relevant experts at WCARO to discuss the assignment in further detail. Following this, the consultant will develop the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workplan and timeline</li> <li>Index of resources to inform the review</li> <li>Draft questions for stakeholders during field visits</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2) Undertake missions to the 4 countries (4 weeks):</b> Each country visit will last 1 week. If possible, the visits will be planned back-to-back.</li> <li><b>3) Final regional report and country case studies (15 days):</b> The regional report and country case study reports finalized based on desk review, country visits and up to three rounds of feedback from WCARO and CO colleagues on draft versions of the regional report and caes studies</li> <li><b>4) Develop a brochure and presentation</b> on the key findings and recommendations from the regional report <b>(3 days)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 regional report</li> <li>4 country case studies</li> <li>1 brochure</li> <li>1 presentation</li> </ol> <p>Field visits will be conducted in French, and all deliverables will need to be provided in French only.</p>
Duration and working schedule:	The duration of this consultancy will be 51 days total. The entire time frame covers 15 August till 15 October.
Place where services are to be delivered:	Home-based and country visits
Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):	Deliverables are to be provided electronically
Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline:	During the consultancy there will be several deadlines at which the consultant is expected to submit different deliverables for review by UNFPA. The consultant will develop a detailed workplan at the start of the assignment, that will take into account time for feedback, and for revision of documents.
Supervisory arrangements:	The consultant will work under the overall guidance of the team leader of the Women's Reproductive Health Unit and the Head of the Adolescents and Youth Unit. S/he will work closely with the Adolescent and Youth Specialist and the Technical Specialist for Maternal Health.
Expected travel:	Yes

<p>Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced degree in international development, public administration, public health or other relevant course;</li> <li>• 10+ years of demonstrated experience in health, particularly adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health;</li> <li>• Demonstrated experience in developing reports on adolescents and youth;</li> <li>• Prior experience with the UN is an asset;</li> <li>• Prior experience in West and Central Africa is an asset;</li> <li>• Fluency in written and spoken French and English is required</li> </ul>
<p>Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to relevant documents</li> <li>• Support with planning and undertaking the field visits</li> </ul>
<p>Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:</p>	<p>All applicants should send their CV by 04 August to <a href="mailto:unfpa.wcaro.recruitment@unfpa.org">unfpa.wcaro.recruitment@unfpa.org</a> .</p>
<p>Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office:</p> <p>Date: 10.07.17</p>	