



Vacancy Notice No. IC/2020- 009

Terms of Reference

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| Assignment Title: | National Consultant for MDSR Report (Maternal Death Surveillance and Response Report – 2019) |
| Duration: | 30 working days |
| Duty Station: | Home Based and travel to Nay Pyi Taw and the project sites (states and regions) if needed |
| Closing Date for Application: | 16 October 2020 (5 pm Yangon Time) |
| Starting date of Assignment: | November 2020 (as soon as possible) |

1. PURPOSE OF CONSULTANCY

UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA's strategic plan (2018-2021), focuses on three transformative results: to end preventable maternal deaths; end unmet need for family planning; and end gender-based violence and harmful practices.

As a high impact strategy to reduce maternal deaths in Myanmar, UNFPA Myanmar has supported the Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) for the Maternal Death Review (MDR) processes. UNFPA has assisted the MOHS to publish the MDR Reports since 2013. In 2017, the MOH introduced the Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (MDSR) System which was transformed from Maternal Death Review.

The MDSR system requires notification of every maternal death, review of maternal death by the maternal death review committee, analysis of findings and response to prevent further maternal deaths. It is important to analyse the maternal deaths reported through MDSR system, document the findings, lessons learnt and make recommendations in a consolidated narrative MDSR Report. This will provide the basis for a national dialogue that will take place later in the year and inform policy makers for further planning and implementation. MDSR 2017 report was published by the Ministry of Health and Sports with the assistance of UNFPA. The UNFPA Myanmar Country Office is seeking a national consultant to support the Ministry of Health and Sports to prepare the 2019 MDSR report.



2. SUPERVISION AND WORKING ARRANGEMENT

Technical guidance and oversight

The Consultant will work closely with the Maternal and Reproductive Health Division under direct supervision of Programme Coordinator and overall guidance of UNFPA Deputy Representative.

3. SCOPE OF WORK AND EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The scope of work for the Consultant includes but not limited to the following:

- Desk review of the previous Maternal Death Review (MDR) Reports and Maternal Death Surveillance (MDSR) Report to identify and compare the progress, achievement and challenges
- Collect, compile and analyse the information and available data on the maternal deaths occurred in 2019 and reported through MDSR system, highlighting patterns and trends, as well as outlier findings
- Conduct interviews with the focal persons from the Ministry of Health and Sports and other stakeholders (including UNFPA national and international staff/management) to explore challenges and success in implementation of MDSR system
- Prepare a draft narrative report on MDSR (2019) which describes the findings on MDSR data analysis, brief review on the implementation of recommended actions mentioned in MDSR Report 2017 and MDSR Report 2018 and provides concrete and actionable recommendations, with time sensitive responses by both MOHS as well as states and regions for improving MDSR system
- Provide a strategic briefer that includes advice/recommendation to UNFPA for its role in the future in relation to MDSR
- Finalise the narrative report on MDSR (2019) with the inputs and suggestions from Maternal and Reproductive Health Division, MoHS
- Participate in the Dissemination Workshop of MDSR Report (2019) with key stakeholders

4. DURATION AND WORKING SCHEDULE

30 working days

The consultancy will be home based with travel to Nay Pyi Taw and states and regions including Yangon and Mandalay if needed.

5. MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROL

The consultant will work closely with the Programme Analyst (MDSR) and Programme Analyst (SRHR) under overall supervision of Programme Coordinator to provide the following deliverables:



- Produce a list of participants to be interviewed and the timeframe for this with key questions (by 13 November 2020) (5 Working Days)
- Keep a detailed record of interviews (by 27 November 2020) (10 Working Day)
- Produce the results of Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (2020) data analysis to inform the situation of maternal health status in Myanmar and a strategic briefer for UNFPA Myanmar Country Office
- Draft Narrative report on Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (2019) (by 4 December 2020) (5 Working Days)
- Final Narrative Report on Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (2019) (by 18 December 2020) (10 Working Days)

As mentioned under deliverable, the deadlines for each deliverable will be monitored and supervised by the Programme Analyst (MDSR) and Programme Analyst (SRHR).

6. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Education:

Advanced degree or equivalent in public health, medicine, epidemiology, sociology, development studies, health systems, social sciences or other related fields

Knowledge and Experience

- A minimum of 7 years' experience of working in Myanmar on SRMNCAH related fields
- Familiarity with maternal death reviews and MDSR system is preferred
- Proven ability to work with all stakeholders on sensitive issues in a respectful, non-judgmental and ethically sound manner.
- Excellent analytical skills and competency on report writing and at least 10 years proven experience in data collection, analysing and reporting as part of capacity building on organizational development. Provision or ability to conduct this in Myanmar is required.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants with the required qualifications and experience should submit the application, which includes following documents:

- a written letter of application (please indicate the vacancy number and consultancy title that your application letter).
- a curriculum vitae (CV),
- UN P11 form completed and signed by the applicant (<http://myanmar.unfpa.org/en/vacancies/un-p11-personalhistory-form>), education certificates and the names and contact information of three references.

Applications should be addressed to:

Email: hr.myanmar@unfpa.org

Attention: International Operations Manager,
Room A07, UNFPA, No.6, Natmauk Road, Yangon



Note:

UNFPA reserves the right to offer comparable positions to those qualified candidates that may not have been selected for the position which they applied for. These offers will be based on the needs of the organization, appropriateness and relevance to the candidate's educational backgrounds and work experience. Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Office has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interviews.

- (i) This vacancy is open to applicants of either sex.**
- (ii) UNFPA provides equal opportunities to all citizens in Myanmar. The conditions governing employment are defined in the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of UNFPA.**
- (iii) There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process.**
- (iv) UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.**
- (v) UNFPA regrets its inability to reply individually or to attend to telephone queries on the above advertised post.**