



Announcement for a National Consultant

UNFPA Office in Lao PDR is looking for a **national consultant to support the SRH team to implement interventions with MOH as part of the response to COVID-19 to ensure essential SRMNCAH care.**

Duration of the work: From June to December 2020 (six months)

Place of work: Vientiane capital and possible travel to programme sites in the provinces and districts

Scope of work:

The consultant is expected to support the Country Office to:

- Adapt the Operational guidance for South and Southeast Asia and Pacific regarding Continuing essential SRMNCAH services during COVID-19 pandemic, the joint WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA guidance, to the local context in collaboration with UN partner agencies (UNICEF, WHO and UNAIDS) and MOH through the RMNCAH committees
- Develop guidance on supporting risk assessment for changing delivery modality of selected scheduled antenatal care and postnatal care (ANC/PNC) to outreach modality including home visit/ remote communication such as tele-counselling/consultation, in collaboration with RMNCAH subcommittee for maternal health
- Support the Midwife officer and Lao Association of Midwives (LAM) to build on existing and further develop guidance on Virtual Training of health staff and Midwives to provide quality care to pregnant women including Ante-natal Care/Post-natal Care/Family Planning for women and support with establishing breastfeeding
- Support MOH partners at provincial and district level to implement the operational guidance developed in selected target areas
- Coordinate with CSO/INGO partners in the target areas to ensure that national guidance to maintain essential RMNCAH services are shared and implemented by the local partners
- Liaise with relevant SRH team members to provide technical support to the Hotline services provided by mass organisation through LWU, LYU and VYC to provide psycho-social support to women and girls and young people in general
- Support psycho-social support training for health service providers
- Monitor implementation and provide quarterly update/report on progress
- Collect information/necessary data to develop a lessons learned document from the process and implementation
- Support other work of the SRH unit as requested by the Programme Coordinator, Deputy Representative and Representative of UNFPA

Deliverables:

- Operational guidance regarding Continuing Essential SRMNCAH services during COVID-19 for Lao PDR developed
- Guidance for changing delivery modality for ANC/PNC developed based on the regional guidance
- Report on the training of Hotline counsellors submitted
- Quarterly progress report
- Lessons learned document

Qualifications and Experience:

- Advanced degree in Sexual and Reproductive Health, Population and/or other related social science field
- Demonstrated capacity for strategic thinking and policy advice are essential
- Five to seven years professional experience in the field of SRH, development and/or population activities
- Experience of working with the Ministry of Health in Lao PDR
- Experience of Policy making and Policy review in Reproductive Health
- Extensive experience in supporting implementation of guidelines/SOP
- Extensive knowledge of up to date WHO guidelines and policy recommendations in SRH
- Must be a Lao speaker
- Fluency in English is required, especially in writing

All interested applicants should submit the following:

A cover letter, CV in English with Personal History Form (P11 Form) (providing details of the required experience enumerated above), listing three references and consultancy rates quoted in Lao Kip.



Applications should be sent to UNFPA Office, UN House, Ban Hatsady, Lane Xang Avenue, P.O. Box 345, Vientiane (Tel: 856 21 267777, 267633) or email to: laos.office@unfpa.org indicating “**Application for a to support the SRH team to implement interventions with MOH as part of the response to COVID-19 to ensure essential SRMNCAH care**”.

To obtain full Terms of Reference or P11 form, please contact UNFPA office.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 5 June 2020

We will only consider applications with complete P11 attached. UNFPA will only be able to respond to those applicants in whom UNFPA has a further interest. UNFPA reserves the right to appoint prior to the closing date.

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