

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY

Hiring Office: UNFPA Benin

Purpose of consultancy: The United Nations has a critical role in supporting the mobilization of finance for sustainable development: The Secretary-General's Strategy sets out the key elements of this role, and the actions the United Nations will take to help accelerate and deepen the transformation of financial systems to provide development finance efficiently. Hence, financing is key to realizing the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) is the framework for actualizing the means of implementation.

This financing must be sustainable. Governments, international financial institutions, and private financial markets should direct adequate flows of resources into sustainable investment. They must also take steps to reduce the flow of resources into unsustainable uses by shifting the structure of incentives and the thrust of legislation and regulation to lower the attractiveness of, and returns from, such investments.

The UNFPA Innovation Phase II Strategy sets out a new strategic approach to innovation articulates how UNFPA will promote innovation in programming through creating innovative solutions to address bottlenecks; which includes Innovative financing

UNFPA Benin is about to complete the second year of its five-year cooperation plan, 2019-2023, with the government. Based on ongoing projects with innovative approaches (The Tech4Youth, the 5 years programme on Comprehensive Sexual Education with the Netherlands and the SWEDD programme) and upcoming ones (GBV prevention with CANADA Cooperation); the need of lining up sustainable financing mechanisms has not been that strong.

It is therefore essential for the country office of Benin to develop an initial comprehensive funding and innovative financing actionable plan for the second half of the current Country Programme (2021-2023) and programmes in a sustainable manner leading to achieve the three transformative results by 2030

<p>Scope of work:</p> <p><i>(Description of services, activities, or outputs)</i></p>	<p>In view of the nature of the assignment, the consultant will be expected to provide a synthesis of the document developed that can be used for similar undertakings, knowledge sharing and capacity building that UNFPA will carry forward in other target countries in the future</p> <p>Specifically, the consultant is mainly expected to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based on existing literature and internal reports, conduct a global review of existing projects and programmes of the Country Programme Cooperation between Benin and UNFPA for the period 2019-2023 and costing exercises, ● Provide a comprehensive analysis of the current and potential funding and financing basis of the various interventions, including the most innovative ones and/or the one with the greatest potential of enhanced financial sustainability of the investments based on the analysis, identify 2 or 3 areas that could have the greatest potential for exploring novel and innovative financing, including social bonds ● Organize a technical workshop with key group of colleagues and stakeholders to: i) train the participants to the basic principles of innovative financing and existing good practices, ii) co create a basic action plan to explore new financing modalities for UNFPA Benin and its partners; ● Prepare a simple financing strategy around the retained promising area(s) for innovative financing and develop the supporting documentation (and material) including at least one investment case to be used to mobilize partnerships and investors (for simple development/social impact bond with range of various potential partners and) ● Propose a set of key documents, focused on comparative analysis of potential partners for the UNFPA, to engage in a collaborative project on development/social impact bond
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Duration and working schedule:	Two months (42 days) in the period of the first semester of 2021
Place where services are to be delivered:	Cotonou, Benin (Online consultancy) with, if possible, two 5 days missions in Benin
Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Project analysis report including financing sources/mechanisms identification (10 working from beginning) ● Financing strategy and investment case document (20 working days from beginning) ● Report of the technical training and co-creation workshop (12 working days after completion of financing and investment case) ● Final document compiling project analysis and related financing sources; the financial strategy and technical workshop recommendations (10 Working days after completion of the workshop)
Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Project analysis report including financing sources/mechanisms identification (10 working from beginning) ● Financing strategy and investment case document (20 working days from beginning) ● Report of the technical training and co-creation workshop (12 working after completion of financing and investment case) ● Final document compiling project analysis and related financing sources; the financial strategy and technical workshop recommendation's (10 Working days after completion of the workshop)

Supervisory arrangement s:	Under the overall supervision of the Country Resident Representative with line Management of the Programme Analyst; in close collaboration with colleagues at country, regional and HQ levels
Expected travel:	No
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	<p>A master degree in health economics and financing, or in economics with at least seven years of relevant professional experience in public/international health funding and financing with a focus on private financing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proven experience in conducting health related costing and financing studies in the areas of maternal health ● Track record of successful funding strategies for health system strengthening, with a focus on maternal health ● Demonstrated skill in both conceptual and practical analysis of complex issues, and in producing clear arguments and constructive recommendations for future action is required ● Proven experience with international development partners/agencies is required ● Excellent communication skills in English and French highly desirable
Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g support	Yes

services, office space, equipment), if applicable:	
Other relevant information or special conditions, if any	No
Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office:	
Date:	