

Call for Expression of Interest to Advocate for Stakeholders Engagement on the Eastern and Southern Africa Ministerial Commitment

Background and Justification:

UNESCO Juba office is delivering activities under the Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future (O3) Education for Health and Wellbeing project that seeks to increase access to information that can empower adolescents and young people (AYP) to remain healthy and resilient.

The office works with strategic partners to deliver activities to ensure the successful delivery of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) to adolescents and young people (AYP), including those who are most vulnerable, to access sexual reproductive health (SRH) services for adolescents and young people. In addition, prevent adverse outcomes such as early and unintended pregnancy, violence, including gender-based violence and early and forced marriage. The project also seeks to equip AYP with life skills to protect themselves from HIV; and address GBV, stigma and discrimination.

Rationale

In 2013 the Eastern and Southern Ministerial Commitment was endorsed by 20 countries including South Sudan by representatives of ministries of education and health. The commitment sought scale up Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and youth-friendly Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) services for adolescents and young people in the region by 2020, In 2021, the commitment was extended to 2030 to ensure effectiveness, impact, and accountability, working together within a multisectoral and whole government approach as ministers responsible for education, health, gender, and youth. This initiative requires the key stakeholders to ensure and sustain a conducive environment that allows the implementation of relevant policies as well as develop a legal framework that protects the SRHR of AYP.

One of the objectives of this project is to secure and sustain strong political commitment and support for AYP's access to CSE and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services across SSA. Specifically, the project aims to improve the level of knowledge on SRH issues affecting AYP and strengthen strategic collaboration in management and programming among the sectors. In addition, monitor the implementation of relevant policies and laws.

Description of activity

UNESCO is seeking a partner to facilitate political leaders, young leaders, gatekeepers and the strategic partners at the state level in advocacy meetings. The stakeholder meetings will be held mainly in Western Equatoria, Western Bahr el Ghazal and Central Equatoria states. The stakeholders will be oriented about the Commitment, its relevance to AYP and in cognisance of persons with disabilities, pastoralist communities, vulnerable AYP,

refugees, internally displaced persons, and returnees in the States. The engagement will be led by national-level focal persons drawn from the Ministry of Health

Outputs

It is expected that the meetings will have.

- discussed the issues affecting the AYP in the region country and state.
- updated state-level stakeholders from Education, Health, Gender and Youth on the issues and process leading up to the renewed ESA Commitment (2021-2030)
- create awareness and bring attention to the need for scaling up comprehensive sexuality education and youth friendly SRHR services for adolescents and young people and
- create opportunities to secure more strategic partnerships.

4. Duration of the response

From 15th March to 30th July 2024.

5. Criteria of the contractor

The following are the required qualifications of the prospective organization:

- i. Must be legally registered and authorized to operate in South Sudan.
- ii. Must have experience in working with youth, persons with disabilities community development, and SRHR.
- iii. Should have vast experience in delivering community engagement on various topics relating to HIV, SRHR, GBV, and community engagement with communities, particularly in the targeted area.
- iv. Established operations in locations with at least 3 years of experience in delivering similar projects.
- v. Evidence illustrating that have engaged with political leadership and stakeholders on similar issues about SRH issues

6. Application Process

- A technical proposal detailing the applicant's understanding of ToRs, the proposed methodology and the applicant's key member's CV.
- A financial proposal should be included in the submission
- Contacts (email and phone numbers) of 3 former clients or referees

Apply by 20th March 2024

Send an email to Proposals.Juba-ED@unesco.org while copying c.lado@unesco.org and attaching a proposal with a budget and organisational profile.