



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### **To Customize and Contextualize Tanzania's Adolescents Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Report on SRHR Services and Commodities in Three SHARP Regions (Dodoma, Morogoro and Manyara).**

#### **1. Background and Introduction**

The Eastern Africa National Networks of HIV/AIDS and Health Service Organizations (EANNASO) is a regional umbrella network bringing together civil society and community voices to inform policies and improve the programming of HIV, TB, Malaria and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues present in our communities. EANNASO strives to empower civil society and community groups to effectively contribute to national, regional and global HIV, TB and Malaria responses. Tanzania has a total population of 61.7 million as per the 2022 census with the youngest population being 18 years. Despite its dedicated effort to address the health challenges that the Tanzanians face, the significant increase of its people especially the young generation becomes a challenge for the realization of its mission. The country experiences challenges in adolescents' sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) since Tanzania is among the ten countries with the highest frequency of adolescent pregnancy<sup>1</sup>.

**By the age of 19, almost half of all girls are pregnant or have given birth to a child.**<sup>2</sup> Moreover, it is estimated that 5% of people aged 15 years and older are living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Tanzania

Despite the goodwill of the Government in the provision of sexual reproductive health (SRH) services, only about one-third of health facilities in Tanzania offer youth-friendly services [6] where adolescents get contraceptives, testing for HIV, and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The use of contraceptives is still low among adolescents as they continue to experience various barriers to accessing reproductive health information and care. Furthermore, there is a lack of clear translation of policies into documented actions thus rendering services to be inadequate, hardly accessible, unfriendly, or unsatisfying to the adolescents; limited investments and low political prioritizations often cause this amongst other factors such as traditional knowledge, attitude, beliefs and practices. Religious and traditional faith also has influenced adolescents' choices and decisions in matters regarding SRH.

It's on this background that EANNASO through 'The Solutions for Supporting Healthy Adolescents and Rights Protection' (SHARP) project did research to assess the availability, accessibility, and affordability of SRH commodities for adolescents in Tanzania and came up with recommendations to improve the availability and accessibility of SRH commodities.

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<sup>1</sup> Loaiza E, Liang M. Adolescent pregnancy: a review of the evidence; 2013

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) [Tanzania Mainland], Ministry of Health (MoH) [Zanzibar], National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS), and ICF. Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey and Malaria Indicator Survey (TDHS-MIS) 2015-16. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: MoHCDGEC, MoH, NBS, OCGS, and ICF; 2016.



EANNASO is seeking a qualified individual consultant to support the Customization and contextualization of the Tanzania SRHR report following the Research carried out by EANNASO and Health Action International (HAI) in the three years of implementations (Morogoro, Dodoma and Manyara).

## **2. About the Assignment**

EANNASO is planning to conduct a series of meetings with key stakeholders on SRHR including civil society organizations (CSOs), opinion leaders such as faith-based organizations and media people, Adolescent champions, policymakers and duty bearers. Thus, a successful consultant will assist in the customization of the existing report into a comprehensible version by contextualizing the report.

The results (material developed) will help EANNASO deliver evidence-based pieces of training and programmes /sessions that address the identified SRHR challenges and indicate potential areas for advocacy and improvement in the regions of implementation and at the national level.

### **3.0 Objectives of the Assignment**

- Customization of the Report into a comprehensible version.
- Contextualization of the report to fit the local context and audience intended.

## **3. Scope of work**

The identified consultant is tasked to conduct an assessment to:

- Customize the report into a comprehensible version.
- Contextualization of the report to fit the local context and audience intended.

## **4. Deliverables**

- A customized and contextualized report alongside its PowerPoint presentation.

## **5. Methodology**

The assignment will preferably be conducted using a Mixed Method Approach combining both words, pictures and graphs to make it more appealing.

## **Reporting and Supervisory Arrangements**

The Program Manager and Program Officer will be in charge.



## 9. Experience and Qualifications

To qualify as a consultant for this assignment, you should have;

- Advanced university degree (Masters) in Public Health, Social Work, Community Development, Project Management, or other relevant area.
- Must have Experience in working with Civil Societies and Community Groups in the Great Lake Region Countries.
- Experience in the field of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), monitoring and evaluation and community engagement.
- Experience in Report writing with context consciousness.
- Ability to produce high-quality outputs on time while understanding and anticipating the evolving client needs.

## 10. Submission of expression of interest

Interested consultants should submit their expression of interest (maximum two pages) on understanding the assignment, a CV including information about experience in similar assignments and a financial proposal presenting the cost of accomplishing the assignment. Submit your application (indicating the title of the TOR in the subject line) to [eannaso@eannaso.org](mailto:eannaso@eannaso.org) copying [bwana@eannaso.org](mailto:bwana@eannaso.org) no later than Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> **February 2024**.