

Terms of Reference

Evaluating the inclusion of SRHR in the NDICI implementation

Summary:

Countdown 2030 Europe seeks an expert consultant to write a report assessing the EU's bilateral support to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) through the implementation of NDICI in a set of EU's partner countries. The report will include both quantitative and qualitative analysis, with recommendations to the EU institutions around the mid-term review of NDICI.

Background:

After the finalisation of the programming process, Countdown 2030 Europe analysed the multiannual indicative programmes (MIPs) of EU Delegations in Sub-Saharan Africa to evaluate how sexual and reproductive health (SRH) has been included. This analysis, presented in a [factsheet](#), shows that 21 out of the 45 MIPs that were assessed included references to SRH. This number is bigger if one considers sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in general and closely related matters (i.e. including Gender Based Violence). It also highlights the multiple channels and policy areas through which EU Delegations can prioritise SRH, such as gender equality, health, youth policies, human development etc. In addition, the factsheet also shows that some EU Delegations which do not necessarily mention SRHR in their MIPs are prioritising SRHR, including through funding, in their implementation of the EU Gender Action Plan III. This is visible in the Country-Level Implementation Plans (CLIPs): some of the CLIPs mention that specific projects on SRHR (G2 projects according to the OECD-DAC gender marker) will be funded, while not specifically referencing to SRHR in the MIP.

The NDICI-Global Europe mid-term review (MTR) will be undertaken by the European Commission in 2024, evaluating how the NDICI-Global Europe was implemented in the first three years, how it reached or failed to reach its objectives and what improvements and changes need to be made for the remaining years of implementation.

Ahead of this MTR and building on the above mentioned factsheet, Countdown 2030 Europe would like to evaluate how the EU is promoting SRHR through its bilateral cooperation with partner countries, in particular looking at MIPs where SRHR is included, assessing the implementation of programmes promoting SRHR, assessing the level of funding effectively committed to SRHR and - if data is available - disbursed to SRHR-related projects, identifying room for improvement in prioritising SRHR in EU funding, analysing CLIPs which include specific actions on SRHR and identifying if this prioritisation is reflected in terms of bilateral funding provided to partner countries.

Objectives of the study:

1. The report aims to assess if and how funding was committed to the promotion of SRHR in partner countries, in particular looking at EU Delegations that have included SRHR as part of the priority sectors for collaboration.
2. It will also highlight promising practices that could be replicated by EU Delegations in other partner countries and identify recommendations for more and better-quality funding for SRHR in the second half of the NDICI implementation.

Outputs (deliverables) of the study:

- Data analysis regarding programmes being implemented and funding committed for SRHR in the 21 EU partner countries which included SRHR in their MIPs, as well as in 3 countries in which EU Delegations did not include SRHR directly in their MIPs but are funding/will fund G2 projects on SRHR as part of their CLIPs (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Vietnam). This data analysis should:
 - Highlight the level of funding committed (and, if data is available, disbursed) to SRHR in these 24 countries
 - Show the ratio of funding dedicated to SRHR compared to the overall envelop for for development cooperation in a given EUD.
 - Include (where available) qualitative information about the programmes: implementing partners, funding modalities, policy areas prioritised, target groups etc.
 - Develop a narrative report with interpretation of data, including conclusions and recommendations to EU institutions on SRHR funding, with particular reference to the MTR of the NDICI.
- 1 qualitative case study based on interviews and data analysis: Uganda, in which the EUD has developed a TEI on demography and social services with Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands and Sweden (back up plan for case study if needed: Zambia, in which the EUD has developed a TEI on human development with Germany, Ireland, Italy and Sweden).
- Summary slides presentation including main insights, conclusions and recommendations

Guiding Questions:

For the analysis of 24 countries:

- Quantitative: To what extent have the 21 EU Delegations, which included SRHR in their MIPs, committed funding for the promotion of SRHR? What level of funding was committed by EU Delegations in the first half of the NDICI implementation for SRHR?
- Quantitative: For the 3 EU Delegations which did not include SRHR in their MIPs but did include G2 projects on SRHR in their CLIPs: how is this being translated into funding commitments? What level of funding was committed by EU Delegations in the first half of the NDICI implementation for SRHR? Are the G2 projects mentioned in the CLIPs being implemented now? With which level of budget?
- Qualitative: Which are the main funding modalities and implementing partners? Which are the target groups of the programmes and through which policy priorities were the programmes being framed (gender equality, health, youth, human development...)?
- Were the SRHR projects funded by the EU Delegations counted under the gender and the human development targets? (if information is available already)

For the qualitative case study – on top of the above questions:

- What kind of SRHR projects were funded by EU Delegations? Through which implementers/funding modalities was funding /committed?

- Under which priorities/policy areas were these SRHR projects funded (gender equality, health, human rights, etc.)?
- What was the role given to CSOs in EU-funded SRHR projects?
- What role are Member States involved in the TEI for the qualitative case study been playing in implementing the NDICI? Have they allocated additional funding to SRHR projects funded by the EU Delegation? Have they taken the lead?

Proposed Methodology (to be discussed with consultant):

- Data analysis from EU Aid explorer, OECD data (where needed) and Annual Action Plans of EU Delegations, referring to funding committed to SRHR in the selected partner countries – analysis of levels of funding committed and comparison with overall envelope for the country and for human development within this country.
- Case study in 1 partner country including interviews with local CSOs, the EU Delegations and Member states embassies and agencies involved in the TEI implementation.

Budget:

Total budget of around 8,000 EUR including VAT. This can be divided between several consultants with complementary expertise who wish to collaborate/divide the labour.

Timeline:

- End of May: launch of the call for consultants
- Mid-June: Deadline for consultants to apply
- Beginning of July: Selection of the consultant and contract signature
- July: start study
- Mid-September: first draft of the report for C2030E partners to review
- Mid-October: Final report and outputs

Profile of the consultant(s)

- Excellent knowledge of SRHR and EU programming (with particular reference to EU's international development programmes)
- Excellent knowledge of ODA data tracking and of EU's development projects database
- Good interpersonal skills and experience in conducting research based on interviews
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English
- Good ability to develop policy and advocacy recommendations

Supervision

The consultants will report to and work in close collaboration with the Countdown 2030 Europe Secretariat at IPPF EN: Marie Tempesta (mtempesta@ippf.org).

Application Procedure

Please send a CV outlining relevant expertise and an offer including suggested number of days, distribution to the different tasks and budget proposal by 11 June EOB to Marie Tempesta (mtempesta@ippf.org).