

“European donor countries’ funding on SRHR interlinked with Universal Health Coverage and Health System Strengthening”

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Introduction

A group of 15 leading European non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) joined forces as a Consortium under the banner of [Countdown2030Europe](#). We advocate for increased European donor support to Universal Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, including Family Planning (SRHR/FP).

The Consortium played a critical role in the development of Agenda 2030, driving united action by the EU and European governments which resulted in the strong positioning of SRHR within the new agenda. Specifically, this is reflected in targets 3.7 and 5.6 which require the delivery of universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning. These ambitious targets, together with the more immediate commitments to FP2030, offer a unique opportunity to meet the needs of the 225 million women who lack access to modern contraception. Access to family planning has a proven direct impact on women’s and children’s health that can accelerate and scale progress on gender equality and poverty reduction.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) is the lead partner of the Consortium implementing the project “*Countdown 2030 Europe: Driving Europe’s global leadership on SRHR, including Family Planning, to meet SDG targets, advance gender equality and strengthen health systems*” (2022-2026), building on the achievements of earlier concerted advocacy efforts of the Consortium in five previous project phases. The project is aimed at ensuring that European governments show political leadership in SRHR by sustaining/increasing financial support for SRHR/FP, and develop policies which place SRHR/FP at the centre of international cooperation within a context of human rights, non-discrimination and gender equality.

Key to the work of Countdown 2030 Europe partners is its track record of high-quality evidence production to inform advocacy towards European governments around better policies and increased quality funding for SRHR/FP.

2. Scope of Work

The purpose of the consultancy is to deepen the Consortium’s analysis on how investments in SRHR contribute to achieving outcomes in interlinked donor priority sectors, such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Health System Strengthening (HSS).

3. Specific Tasks

Consultants will support the Countdown 2030 Europe consortium with the following tasks:

- **Research and analysis:**

- Current state of policy framework of European countries (13 countries + the European Union) around SRHR in connection with UHC/HSS, including based on the interviews done with some focused partners in 2023;
- Current state of funding from European donor countries targeting SRHR in connection with UHC/HSS, based on the focused section within the [Tracking What Counts 2022/2023](#) report highlighting some key investments from European donors in this area;
- Good practices / case studies at funding level: concrete examples of what it looks like to have good and impactful funding around SRHR interlinked with UHC/HSS. This will be a deep dive on a few European donor governments-funded projects highlighted in the Tracking What Counts 2022/2023 report, including their impact on the ground.
- **Development of (communications) materials:**
 - Report: an 8-page report analysing the current European policy and funding landscape around SRHR in connection with UHC/HSS.
 - Case studies: 3 case studies (2/3 pages each) highlighting good practices of programmes/projects around SRHR in its interlinkage with UHC/HSS, including how it can impact UHC targets achievement in third countries.
 - Summary Factsheet: a 2-pager factsheet summarising the key findings presented in the report and case studies.

4. Deliverables, Timeline and Level of Effort

The consultants will produce the following deliverables in around **20 working days**, roughly distributed as follows:

- 1) **Deliverable 1:** An 8-page report on the current European policy and funding landscape around SRHR in connection with UHC/HSS → **6 working days**
 - To be completed ideally by 30th June 2024 (negotiable)
- 2) **Deliverable 2:** 3 case studies (2/3-pages each) highlighting good practices of programmes/projects funded by European donor countries around SRHR in its interlinkage with UHC/HSS → **13 working days**
 - To be completed ideally by 30th September 2024 (negotiable)
- 3) **Deliverable 3:** A 2-pager factsheet summarising the key findings presented in the report and case studies → **1 working day**
 - To be completed ideally by 30th September 2024 (negotiable)

5. Supervision

The consultants will report to and work in close collaboration with the Countdown 2030 Europe Secretariat at IPPF EN: Chiara Cosentino, Coordinator (ccosentino@ippf.org).

6. Skills and qualifications

- Excellent knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and its interlinkages with universal health coverage / health systems strengthening;
- Experience in conducting research based on interviews;
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English;
- Good ability to develop policy and advocacy recommendations;
- Good interpersonal skills.

7. Application Procedure

Please send a CV outlining relevant expertise and an offer including suggested number of days and budget proposal by **Sunday 5th May** to Chiara Cosentino (ccosentino[at]ippf.org).