



CONSULTANCY TERMS OF REFERENCE

INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF LVCT HEALTH/UNICEF PARTNERSHIP UNDER MARA RELOADED PROJECT

Background

LVCT Health is a national Kenyan organisation registered as a non-government not-for-profit in 2001. Since inception, LVCT Health has built a unique capacity in implementation of a Research-Policy-Practice model that facilitates generation and utilization of evidence from research and practice to inform national policies, programmes and strengthen health systems for an effective HIV response in Kenya and beyond. Our unique competencies include designing and implementation of programmes reaching a wide range of populations including adolescents and young people with evidence-informed interventions.

UNICEF has partnered with LVCT Health over the years to program for adolescents. The N'julische project supported by UNICEF from April 2015 to March 2016 provided support to reposition LVCT's One2one Integrated Digital Platform (OIDP) for information delivery to adolescents. In October 2015, LVCT health partnered with UNICEF again to conduct a situational analysis of policy & health care for Most at Risk Adolescents (MARA) in Kenya. The findings from that study culminated into a subsequent round of partnership agreement in a project called MARA reloaded running from May 2017 to June 2018 and seeks to achieve the following results:

1. 20,000 adolescent boys and girls 10-19 years (50% girls) with increased access to HIV, GBV and SRH information through the one2one web and mobile based platforms and other information sharing platforms by June 2018
2. Improved identification, linkages, adherence and viral suppression amongst adolescents (boys and girls) in urban slums and rural settings (Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu, Siaya and Homa Bay) counties by June 2018
3. Enhanced capacities of government, implementing partners and young people on programming and policy advocacy for adolescents including those reporting same sex, sex work and drug use strengthened by June 2018

LVCT Health is seeking to hire an individual (herein referred to as Consultant) to carry out an independent evaluation for LVCT Health-UNICEF partnership under MARA-Reloaded project.

Justification

LVCT Health and UNICEF partnership is critical in delivering adolescent-responsive services for most at risk adolescent and adolescents living with HIV. It is therefore important to have an impartial and independent evaluation to strengthen this partnership to inform current and future synergistic programming.

Objectives

- To assess relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and impact of the programme in the response to adolescent programmes under this partnership
- To make recommendations on strengthening the partnership.

Scope of the Work & Duration

The consultant will engage UNICEF Team, LVCT Health team, beneficiaries, partners and stakeholders in the months of April and May 2018 and he or she is expected to take a maximum of 40 days (from 1st May to 8th June 2018) to complete the assignment which will entail the following:

1. Develop a concept and an effective methodology for partnership evaluation agreeable to LVCT Health and UNICEF.
2. Carry out the partnership effectiveness evaluation focusing on the following:
 - Linking the partnership to project outcomes
 - Sustainability of the partnership
 - Perspectives on decision making processes, involvement and overall partners' satisfaction
 - Evaluation on levels of synergy (How well have partners worked together to identify new and creative ways to solve adolescent health challenges and to what extent have the beneficiaries views and priorities been jointly addressed)
 - Economic evaluation focusing on cost-effectiveness of the partnership (partnership investment versus project's outcomes; was there value for money?)
 - PESTEL-based risk analysis

Expected Result

- LVCT Health-Partnership evaluation report written and submitted in soft and hard copies

- LVCT Health-UNICEF partnership sustainability model annexed into the evaluation report.

Methodology

The Consultant should furnish LVCT Health with an appropriate concept, methodology and delivery plan that they propose to use to deliver on this task.

Qualification of the Consultant

- *Education:* Advanced degree in development studies/strategic planning and management/organizational development/Management in organizational leadership and related disciplines.
- *Experience:* A minimum of 7 years of experience in carrying out similar assignments.
- *Similar assignments:* A detailed list of at least 3 similar assignments carried out recently.
- Demonstrated understanding of adolescents -responsive focus areas in HIV prevention, care and treatment.
- Demonstrated understanding of partnerships evaluation and sustainability planning.

Application process

We invite interested individuals to submit the following application documents:

- Technical proposal outlining how they meet the selection criteria and their understanding of the ToR and methodology
- A proposed activities' schedule/work plan with clear time frame
- Copies of CVs and testimonials of the lead and other consultants to be involved
- Financial proposal detailing consultants' itemized fees

The consultancy fee will be discussed and agreed upon between the parties.

Persons who meet above requirements and interested in carrying out the assignment, are requested to send soft copy applications clearly labelled (Consultant to conduct Independent Evaluation of LVCT Health/UNICEF Partnership) to: recruitment@lvcthealth.org or in hard copy hand delivered to LVCT Headquarters located off Argwings Kodhek road on or before 25th April, 2018