
Vacancy notice

Consultancy Assignment

Research consultancy on masculinity and the engagement of men in sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) seeks a Consultant to assist with its work on masculinity and the engagement of men and boys in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Organizational Background

The Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) works towards improving sexual and reproductive health by developing guidance and tools on specific health topics, by supporting countries to implement these tools, and generating evidence on specific health topics. The Department addresses thematic areas related to vulnerability to sexual and reproductive health problems, in order to promote equitable access to services and sexual and reproductive health rights for all. These activities are in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, which seeks to ensure health and well-being for all and SDG Goal 5, which promotes gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

RHR includes the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP). HRP is the main instrument within the United Nations system for promoting, conducting, evaluating and coordinating interdisciplinary research on sexual and reproductive health; for collaborating with countries in enhancing national capacities to conduct this research; for promoting and facilitating the use of research results in policy-making and planning for sexual and reproductive health care; and for the setting of standards and guidelines, including technical and ethical guidelines, in the field of sexual and reproductive health research.

More information about HRP can be found at <http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/hrp>.

The work on masculinity and engagement of men and boys in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) will be conducted in the context of the Department's work on gender equality and SRHR. The overall objectives are to systematically expand the knowledge base and fill some of the evidence gaps in the area of masculinities and SRHR.

Summary of duties:

The consultancy requires prior experience with methods for conducting systematic reviews along with a high level of analytical and communication skills.

Under the guidance of the department's focal points on gender equality, the consultant will:

1. Conduct a systematic review of efforts to address masculinities in the context of SRHR programmes and interventions.
2. Develop a concept note and support preparations for an expert group meeting on addressing masculinities in the context of sexual and reproductive health and rights including identification of topics on which papers will be commissioned for the meeting and of experts.
3. Develop policy briefs on specific issues identified; and
4. Other tasks related to the project as identified by the focal points.

Essential knowledge and skills

- Previous experience conducting evidence-synthesis and familiarity with methods for conducting systematic reviews.
- Experience working on and knowledge of gender equality, masculinities in the context of SRHR issues.
- Excellent written English
- Strong analytical skills
- Demonstrated planning and organizational skills
- Demonstrated ability to deliver high-quality products under tight deadlines
- Ability to communicate effectively with different audiences
- Sensitivity in dealing with sensitive topics

Essential educational qualifications

Advanced degree in public health, or gender studies, sociology or related degree, ideally with a focus on social determinants of health, including gender and health, and related topics

Essential relevant experience

At least 7 years of experience combining:

- Proven competencies in evidence synthesis methods (e.g. systematic reviews) and in qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Proven communications skills and publications
- Experience working in sexual and reproductive health, ideally with experience on gender equality.

Desirable experience

Experience conducting research in low-income settings on sensitive topics;; experience working for an international organization

Language Skills

Essential: Excellent knowledge of English;

Other Skills

Excel, PowerPoint, and word processing software.

Application process

Interested candidates should complete the personal history form (PHF) on the WHO employment page: <https://tl-int.vcdp.who.int/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl> and send a .pdf of the PHF form along with a letter of motivation to reproductivehealth@who.int, indicating “Research consultancy on masculinity and engagement of men in context of sexual and reproductive health and rights” in the subject line. Closing date for applications is **23 October 2017**. Short-listed candidates will be expected to provide copies of diplomas.

Duration of assignment: This is a 6 month assignment.