

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

Terms of reference for evidence review and case study development

September 2022

Background

The RCOG is known around the world for advancing the science and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology (O&G). With 16,000 members worldwide, approximately half of whom live and work outside of the UK, our members are leaders in their respective fields and within their national healthcare systems. Through the [Centre for Women's Global Health \(the Centre\)](#) the RCOG utilises our members' expertise to design and implement projects that improve the quality of health care that women and girls can access in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The RCOG is looking to outsource a review of evidence and write up of five to six case studies highlighting 'good practice' delivery models to expand access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services in low and middle income countries. It is expected that the review of evidence and development of case studies will take a comprehensive approach to SRHR, in line with the Guttmacher Lancet Commission.

We are looking for evidence and examples of proven models, which are successfully expanding access to SRHR services across the life course for women and girls. We expect to agree the criteria for the review and case studies in discussion with the consultant, however are looking to include case studies demonstrating models/programmes addressing at least one area of benign gynaecological disease (e.g. infertility, abdominal uterine bleeding, obstetric fistula) and increasing access to contraception and quality abortion care in line with the 2022 WHO abortion guidelines.

Deliverables

The consultant/s will be expected to deliver the following outputs:

- A review of evidence on good practice SRHR demonstrating increased access to services for women and girls
- A small number of interviews to validate approach and findings
- Development of case study criteria and concept notes for review and sign off
- Development of five or six case studies on models, approaches or programmes in low and middle income countries covering both benign gynaecological conditions and SRHR including contraception and abortion (the criteria are to be agreed for this).

Budget

The consultancy is expected to take around 20 days (ideally between October and December 2022) and the maximum budget for the consultancy is £12,000.

Skills and experience

Essential

- Significant experience of undertaking systematic and/or literature reviews
- Experience of developing evidence-based case studies outlining good practice approaches/models
- Experience of undertaking women's health research in low and middle income countries
- Comprehensive understanding of women's health issues, particularly SRHR, including abortion.
- Pro-choice.

Desirable

- Experience of working on women's health programmes in low or middle income countries.

Application process

We are looking for expressions of interest from interested parties. This should include a CV, short outline of the proposed approach to undertaking the work, availability, and a budget, including day rates. Please submit this to cfwgh@rcog.org.uk with the sub-heading *SRHR evidence review* by COB on Friday 30th September.