

CALL FOR A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP POLICY BRIEFS ON THE CURRENT LEGAL PROVISION OF ABORTION

Introduction

Over 300,000 abortions occur annually among Ugandan women aged 15–49, of which 83% are carried out under unsafe conditions and methods thus contributing 26% of total maternal mortality due to abortion complications (Singh. D et al; 2005). Adolescent Girls Young Women (AGYW) are more prone to engaging in unsafe abortions due to the stigma around early pregnancies; lack of information; and limited access to youth friendly Sexual Reproductive Health services. The increasing rate of teenage pregnancies now stated at 24% coupled with high levels of poverty expose AGYW in rural areas like Buikwe district to unsafe methods.

Uganda's restrictive legal environment on abortion that codifies punishments for abortion providers, the woman, and anyone who knowingly supplies anything for termination of pregnancy results into arrests of service providers in line of duty, discrimination and stigma from the community who perceive them as people that promote unlawful behaviour. Unfortunately, majority of these service providers aren't knowledgeable of the laws that they can leverage on to provide safe abortion services within the Uganda's legal framework. Furthermore, the AGYW lack avenues to access information to make informed decision on their Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) resulting into increased maternal mortality and morbidity due to unsafe abortion

About CEHURD

The mission of the Centre for Health, Human Rights & Development (CEHURD) – a Ugandan Civil Society Organization – is “to advance health rights for vulnerable communities through an integrated programme of litigation, advocacy and action research”. Over the years, CEHURD has adopted different intervention approaches including “research and Policy Analysis” to promote, advocate and shift the normative discourse around health and human rights as well as redefine narratives that are critical in evidence-based advocacy

CEHURD will aim to reduce the effects of unsafe abortion amongst AGYW using the Harm Reduction Model (HRM) in the district of Buikwe. The HRM is an evidence-based health and human rights framework that prioritizes strategies to reduce harm and prioritizes health in situations where policies and practices prohibit, stigmatize and drive common human activities underground. The model is built on legitimate freedom of access to information mechanisms designed to avail AGYW with information they need to realize their health Rights thus making information available to those who have decided to terminate a pregnancy enabling them have a safe abortion.

Roles and Responsibilities

The consultant is expected to:

- a) Develop a policy brief on the current legal provisions on abortion in Uganda
- b) Work with CEHURD to edit the draft document
- c) To edit the draft as per the recommendations from CEHURD for a final copy

Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver;

- a) A draft policy brief on the current legal provisions on abortion in Uganda by 18th February 2020 for the CEHURD Team to review
- b) Review inputs from the CEHURD team and come up with final draft of the policy brief by 25th February

2020

c) Design both printable and an online up-loadable version of the policy brief

Application Requirements

Interested candidates in the position are expected to provide the following documentation:

- A technical proposal with detailed response to the TOR, with specific focus on addressing the scope of work and methodology to be used (max 4 pages)
- Sample of previous works on policy brief development or related work, etc.
- Initial work plan based on methodology outlined, and indication of availability
- A financial proposal detailing professional fees, and any other related costs.
- CV including a minimum of 3 traceable, recent and relevant references to this task

The complete application documents must be submitted to info@cehurd.org and copy nakanwagi@cehurd.org by Tuesday 6th March 2020 or hand delivered to CEHURD Offices on Plot 4008, Justice Road, Canaan Sites, Nakwero, Gayaza – Kalagi Road, Tel. +256-414-532283.