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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Developing a progress report for the implementation of the ESA Ministerial Commitment<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Domain:</b>	Education
<b>Grade:</b>	Consultant
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	UNESCO ROSA - Harare
<b>Duty Station:</b>	International
<b>Type of contract:</b>	Short Term Appointment (40-50 working days)
<b>Duration of contract:</b>	September, 2017- December, 2017

### Background

UNESCO and UN partners, in collaboration with Regional Economic Communities (SADC and EAC) civil society, faith-based and youth-serving organisations led an initiative aimed at securing high-level commitment from Ministers of Education and Health from 20<sup>2</sup> Eastern and Southern African (ESA) countries, to accelerate access to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services (YFS) in the region. The initiative is strategic in bringing together, for the first time, ministries of education and health, and other ministries towards measurable and time bound targets, to foster positive sexual reproductive health outcomes by promoting access to CSE and YFS in the ESA region.

#### BOX 1: ESA COMMITMENT TARGETS

##### *By end 2015:*

1. A good quality CSE curriculum framework is in place and being implemented in each of the 20 countries;
2. Pre and in service CSE and SRH training for teachers, health and social workers are in place and being implemented in all 20 countries
3. By the end of 2015, decrease by 50% the number of adolescents and young people who do not have access to youth friendly SRH services including HIV that are equitable, accessible, acceptable, appropriate and effective;

##### *By end 2020:*

4. Consolidate recent and hard-won gains in the reduction of HIV prevalence in ESA, and push towards eliminating all new HIV infections amongst adolescents and young people aged 10-24;
5. Increase to 95% the number of adolescents and young people, aged 10-24, who demonstrate comprehensive HIV prevention knowledge levels;
6. Reduce early and unintended pregnancies among young people by 75%;
7. Eliminating gender base violence;
8. Eliminate child marriage;
9. Increase the number of all school and teacher training institutions that provide CSE to 75%

<sup>1</sup> This document should be read alongside the Process for Developing the ESA Commitment Shadow Report document

<sup>2</sup> Countries that endorsed the commitments include: Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Comoros, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

The historic ESA Ministerial Commitment was endorsed by Health and Education ministers from 20 countries at the 2013 ICASA conference and has time-bound actions and targets that were agreed upon by the countries (Box 1). Ministers committed to improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes and strengthening HIV prevention through access to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), as well as integrated sexual and reproductive health services for young people in the region. Specifically, ministers pledged to reduce, by 2020, new HIV infections among young people by 90%, unplanned pregnancies among young women by 75%, and to eliminate child marriage and gender-based violence.

While significant strides have been made in improving health outcomes of adolescents and youth in ESA region, there are still significant gaps and several barriers to the realization of the ESA Commitment targets. A progress report released in 2015 showed how more needed to be done to scale up CSE, reduce new HIV infections and early unintended pregnancies among young women or girl children and promulgate laws that protect young people from gender based violence and outlaw early marriages. The report also pointed to weak inter-ministerial coordination, weak policy implementation and a lack of data to enable targeted programming.

### **Purpose of the Assignment**

The ESA Commitment Technical Coordinating Group (TCG) would like to appoint the services of an institution or an Independent Consultant to support the Civil Society (CS) Platform in the development of a second ESA Commitment progress report. The report will be developed by the ESA Commitment Civil Society platform – a network of various national and regional civil society organisations working on adolescent SRHR regionally and in the 21 ESA commitment countries who have agreed to coordinate around CSO support for effective implementation of the ESA commitment.

The report development process recognizes the important role played by the CSO platform in making the ESA Commitment an instrument to accelerate programming for CSE and access to YFS. Because the Commitment is primarily enforced through a reporting system, it is imperative that CSOs use the reporting mechanism to maintain government accountability for ASRHR. It is envisaged that the process will increase the awareness in the civil society on countries' obligations regarding the implementation of the ESA Commitment, build their capacity in planning, monitoring and evaluation, as well as develop partnerships, cooperation and mutual coordination between different CSOs whose specific objective is to promote CSE and SRH services for young people.

### **Objectives of the Assignment**

- To document and critically analyze progress made by countries in pursuit of the ESA commitment targets since 2015;
- To develop a civil society and community perspective of progress towards the ESA commitment targets at country and regional level;
- To support CSOs in collecting, reporting and analyzing data on the ESA Commitment targets;
- To critically analyse barriers and enabling factors to the realisation of the ESA commitment targets; and

### **Deliverables**

- Detailed proposal for conducting the report including the methodology and budget
- Data collection tools agreed by the CS Platform and the TCG
- A draft regional report with data from all countries
- A final regional report

The report will:

1. Capture progress made by countries in achieving the ESA commitment targets.
2. Document the work and perspectives of scores of civil society organisations working to implement the ESA Commitment and advance programming for adolescents and young people.
3. Provide a retrospective analysis of the previous ESA commitment progress report generated from a government perspective, and consider the steps that government and civil society have taken to address some of the concerns raised in that report.
4. Assess current gaps and put forward some recommendations on how the region can scale up delivery of CSE and SRHR in order to meet the ESA targets in 2020.

### **Scope of work**

Under the overall guidance of the TCG and the CS Platform Coordinator, the Consultant will:

- Support the CS Platform in developing an outline of the progress report;
- Review and update data collection tools used for the 2015 progress report;
- Work closely with the TCG and CS Platform during the consultancy;
- Support CSOs to collect quantitative and qualitative data from stakeholders at the country level

### **Reporting**

The Institution or Consultant will work on behalf of the CSO Platform and report to the TCG through UNESCO as the secretariat.

### **Essential skills and experience**

- Lead Consultant should have advanced degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, Law, Human Rights or related fields;
- Solid technical knowledge on both the Health and Education sectors, Adolescent SRHR, the ESA Commitment; and other relevant SRHR frameworks
- Experience in developing country reports multi country analytical progress reports;
- Proven track-record in consulting and research from a youth and young people perspective;
- Good writing and communication skills in English.

### **Advantageous**

- Strong facilitating skills;
- Experience in NGO capacity building in monitoring and reporting on ASRHR;
- For an institution, offices in multiple ESA countries
- Experience and knowledge of the ESA Region.

### **Other**

- CSO Platform, through the Coordinator, and the TCG will provide the consultant with all background materials and contact information of the local NGOs.
- All source documents and data collected and generated from this exercise remains the property of the TCG
- Consultant's performance will be evaluated against timeliness, accountability, communication, accuracy, and quality of the products delivered.

- The total duration of the contract will be from September 2017 – December 2017

Interested contractors should submit:

1. An Expression of Interest outlining experience and suitability
2. A detailed CV
3. A technical proposal, outlining methodology and accompanied by a detailed work plan
4. A detailed financial proposal, specifying professional fees, payment mode and any other project related costs.

### **Evaluation of proposals**

As per UNESCO guidelines.

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**Closing date for applications: 16 September 2017 at midnight**

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