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Call for Proposals

Consultancy for review of the extant policies and guidelines developed to contribute to the reduction of teenage pregnancies in Nairobi County

The Kenya Medical Association (KMA) is looking for a qualified and experienced individual, individuals or organizations to conduct a comprehensive and critical review and analysis of relevant policies and guidelines developed to contribute to reduction of teenage pregnancies in Nairobi County. The policies and guidelines include: national strategies, Ministry of Health policies, international and regional commitments to address teenage pregnancy. The activity will take the form of critical analysis of primary and secondary data on factors associated with teenage pregnancies.

Background

The KMA is the representative and umbrella professional body for medical and dental practitioners in Kenya, with the twin mandate of advocating for the welfare of doctors and ensuring provision of the highest attainable standard of health to Kenyans. KMA operates through thematic committees that include the Reproductive Health Committee (RHC) that envisions a Kenya with all women enjoying and accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) s to the fullest extent possible. The committee’s mission is to advocate for and ensure that policies, services and information and research on SRHR are people friendly and equitable to all irrespective of gender, age, social, cultural, religious and or economic diversity.

As of 2019, the Global Childhood reported that Kenya had the third-highest teen pregnancy rates with 82 births per 1,000 births. In 2020, teenage pregnancy in Nairobi County stood at 11, 795 between January and May. In the following year, the National Council for Population and Development reported that Nairobi was the leading county with the highest number of teenage pregnancies i.e. 13, 319 between January and October, 2021.

The net effect of teenage pregnancies is low enrolment, retention and transition of girls at different levels of education, reduced career prospects and socio-economic outcomes. In addition, teenage pregnancies expose young girls to major health risks which may result in death. Therefore, KMA through medical students intends to conduct a review of the extant policies and guidelines aimed at eliminating teenage pregnancies in Nairobi County.

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Purpose of the consultancy

The overall purpose of the review exercise is to evaluate how responsive the selected policies are to the lived realities of young girls and ascertain the potential of the selected policies and guidelines to contribute to the reduction of teenage pregnancies in Kenya.

Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the research are to:

- a. To meaningfully engage medical students in reviewing selected policies and guidelines and subsequently make recommendations.
- b. To use the recommendations to engage the Nairobi county Government in developing strategies to end teenage pregnancies.

Key tasks

You will therefore be expected to undertake the following enabling tasks, among others in order to successfully complete the assignment:

1. Participate in an inception meeting: prepare an inception report detailing the approach, work plan and budget to carry out the assignment. This will be developed and finalized in consultation with KMA Project staff.
2. Train medical students to enable them take part in the review exercise.
3. Carry out a desk-review on factors associated with teenage pregnancies.
4. Prepare tools such as evaluation matrices for analyzing and presenting the review findings.
5. Produce a report highlighting key findings and recommendations including strategic pathways and advocacy messages and implementations including monitoring performance and tracking and modifying progress.
6. Participate in a close-out meeting with KMA team.
7. Participate in dissemination of findings.

Deliverables

1. Inception report, prepared after an inception meeting, detailing the general understanding of the assignment, approach, work plan and budget. The budget agreed upon after submission of the inception report is what will inform preparation of the final contract.
2. A high quality report of findings and recommendations.
3. An advocacy brief on the role of county governments in ensuring a proper policy environment to end teenage pregnancies.

Compensation

- KMA will pay 30% of the total consultancy payment upon submission of the final inception report.
- KMA will pay 70% of the total consultancy payment upon submission and acceptance of all final deliverables. Acceptance by KMA will be done in writing.

Requirement

We are seeking an individual with relevant training, competence and substantial experience in research on sexual and reproductive health and rights, particularly on family planning and comprehensive abortion care.

Competencies in sexual and reproductive health rights, advocacy and working with governmental and non-governmental agencies will be a definite advantage.

Duration of the assignment

Twenty one days staggered as follows: Two days for concept proposal preparation and submission to the focal person; two separate meetings with the expert team; two days of training for medical students and fifteen days for document identification, data collection and analysis; and report writing.

Proposal submission

If you are well suited and are interested in this assignment, please submit your proposal and curriculum vitae (CV) s of the personnel involved .Your proposal should include a capacity statement, technical and financial components, and should not exceed three pages.

The capacity statement should provide information on the relevant competencies, experience and qualifications related to the assignment.

The technical component should describe your understanding and interpretation of the terms of reference and how you plan to undertake the assignment including the team and resources you plan to work with. Identify and list key documents you plan to review.

The financial component should include all anticipated costs including consultancy fees.

Please send your proposal which should include three referees and CVs of key personnel to tonec@kma.co.ke with a copy to wangari.ireri@kma.co.ke subject headed as Re: 'Review of the extant policies and guidelines on teenage pregnancies,' no later than end of day Friday, January 21, 2022

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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