

## TAHub09: Call for iSRHR Expert to Develop evidence-informed policy and political engagement strategies and advocacy

TERMS OF REFERENCE	
Hiring Office:	2gether 4 SRHR
Background of consultancy	<p>The 2gether 4 SRHR is a joint United Nations Regional Programme that brings together the combined efforts of UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WHO to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of all people in Eastern and Southern Africa. The programme is dedicated to advancing universal access to comprehensive SRHR. This encompasses nine recommended bundles of SRHR services, delivered through people-centered, gender-transformative, and life-course-based approaches that ensure no one is left behind in both development and humanitarian settings.</p> <p>One of the objectives of the programme is to provide timely and quality-assured technical assistance (TA) to continental and regional economic communities, parliamentary fora, participating United Nations agencies, and countries.</p> <p>To achieve this, the Programme developed a regional SRHR Technical Assistance Hub, which is a roster of pre-determined quality-assured technical experts, professional organizations, institutions, and partners working on SRHR in the region.</p> <p>This call is for technical experts to apply for consideration to be added to the Technical Assistance Hub to support work in the specified thematic area. Applicants will be assessed based on relevant qualifications, previous experience and examples of previous work. Once included in the roster you will have preferential access to consulting opportunities to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all people in East and Southern Africa.</p> <p>Selected candidates will be contracted by one of the participating UN agencies of the 2gether 4 SRHR programme or other partners using their internal policies and procedures.</p> <p>Inclusion in the TA Hub does not constitute a contractual obligation by any participating party.</p> <p>Applications are to be submitted through the online TA Hub platform: Please share your application through the 2gether 4 SRHR Technical Assistance Hub via the on-line registration link: <a href="https://tahub.2gether4srhr.org/">https://tahub.2gether4srhr.org/</a> Upon registering you will be asked to input the title of the Call you are applying for: TAHub09 Comprehensive Integrated SRHR_Thematic Area/ Strategic Policy and Political Engagement &amp; Advocacy.</p>
Purpose of consultancy:	This call seeks to identify technical experts who can be deployed to provide quality assured technical support to countries, regional organizations and institutions, to support work in the thematic area specified below.

	<p><b>Key Areas of Expertise:</b></p> <p><b>V. Development of evidence-informed policy and political engagement strategies and advocacy.</b></p>
<p>Scope of work:</p> <p><i>(Description of services, activities, or outputs)</i></p>	<p>Technical experts are invited to submit applications for consideration to be included in the 2gether 4 SRHR TA Hub to provide technical assistance to countries, regional institutions and partners the following thematic area:</p> <p><b>Strategic Policy and Political Engagement &amp; Advocacy Experts – SRHR</b></p> <p>The 2gether 4 SRHR programme invites Strategic Policy and Political Engagement &amp; Advocacy Experts to apply to be added to the Technical Assistance Hub. These technical experts will support countries to strengthen their strategic evidence informed policy and political engagements with Member States and regional bodies to advance comprehensive, integrated SRHR through supporting domestic financing transitions, institutionalise SRHR within national laws, policies, strategies, budgets, accountability frameworks, and PHC/UHC systems. This category is central to protecting SRHR gains and positioning SRHR as a core development and economic priority.</p> <p>Experts under this category may be engaged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop political SRHR engagement strategies targeting continental and regional economic communities, governments, parliaments and civil society including the development of policy briefs.</li> <li>● Support legislative, policy and national strategic influence including undertaking a gap analysis on national laws, policies and strategies; translating political commitments into enforceable laws and funded budget lines; and supporting the integration of SRHR within national development plans and UHC packages.</li> <li>● Develop evidence-based advocacy for domestic resource mobilisation, the inclusion of SRHR into national budgets; translate financing evidence such as investment case studies, cost of inaction reports, National Health Accounts and sustainability roadmaps into policy messaging.</li> <li>● Develop Strategic Communications and Narrative Framing making compelling arguments for investments in economic and human capital, rights based framing in sensitive contexts, strategic messaging for contested environments.</li> <li>● Support community and Civil Society engagement including the development of advocacy coalitions, inclusive policy dialogue with youth, women’s groups, PLHIV networks, and marginalized communities, and protecting civic space.</li> <li>● Conduct Political Economy and Context Analysis that maps power dynamics affecting SRHR and identify windows of opportunity for reform and policy advancement.</li> </ul> <p>Technical Competencies required include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive SRHR Policy Knowledge including understanding the technical and political dimensions of SRHR.</li> <li>• Policy and Governance Expertise including policy development and reform, legislative processes, national planning and budgeting, familiarity with PHC and UHC, multisectoral political engagements.</li> <li>• Political Acumen and ability to navigate politically sensitive environments, broker dialogues across diverse stakeholders, negotiation and consensus-building skills, ability to operate in a rights constrained environment.</li> <li>• Translating Evidence-to-Policy linking SRHR outcomes to demographic dividend and human capital arguments, framing SRHR as an economic and development priority, and translating research into policy briefs.</li> <li>• Regional and Multilateral Engagement working with AU, RECs, or multilateral platforms and familiarity with global commitments (e.g., ICPD, SDGs, UHC frameworks).</li> </ul>
Duration and working schedule:	Assignments will be determined based on specific technical assignments identified by the participating UN agencies, countries and other regional partners. Those specific assignments will include information on duration and working schedule.
Place where services are to be delivered:	Details will be determined based on the specific technical assignments identified by the participating UN agencies, countries and other regional partners.
Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):	Details will be determined based on the specific technical assignments identified by the participating UN agencies, countries and other regional partners.
Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline:	Regular check-in meetings
Supervisory arrangements:	Technical experts will be contracted by the relevant UN agency and/or partner using their identified procurement processes.
Expected travel:	Travel will be based on the nature of the assignment the technical expert may be contracted for.
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	<p><b>Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced university degree (Master's minimum, PhD desirable where relevant) in public policy, law, political science, health economics, development studies, public health, or a related field.</li> </ul> <p><b>Knowledge and Experience:</b></p>

- Minimum 7 years of progressively responsible professional experience in strategic policy development, political engagement, and multi-sectoral SRHR advocacy.
- Demonstrated experience working in low- and middle-income countries, preferably in East and Southern Africa.
- Proven experience working with Ministries of Health, national technical working groups, or multilateral agencies.
- Strong track record of conducting political economy analyses, legislative gap analyses, and translating political commitments into enforceable laws and funded budget lines.
- Demonstrated expertise in health financing advocacy, specifically using investment cases, National Health Accounts, or cost-of-inaction reports to drive domestic resource mobilization.
- Exceptional skills in strategic communications, narrative framing for contested environments, and building inclusive advocacy coalitions with civil society, youth, and marginalized communities.
- Familiarity engaging with regional mechanisms (e.g., AU, SADC, EAC) and navigating legislative processes to integrate SRHR into national development plans.
- Copies of previously published work, such as high-quality technical outputs (e.g., national political engagement strategies, legislative gap analyses, SRHR investment cases/cost-of-inaction reports for domestic resource mobilization, or strategic communication and narrative framing plans).

#### **Core Knowledge Requirements (All Categories)**

- Comprehensive Integrated SRHR: Understanding of how these domains interact within integrated Primary Health Care (PHC) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) systems.
- Health Systems and Integration: Understanding of PHC and UHC frameworks, service integration approaches, and national health workforce/task-shifting systems.
- Rights-Based and Gender-Responsive Approaches: Understanding of programming principles including gender equality, non-discrimination, stigma, and discrimination frameworks.
- Political Sensitivity: An ability to operate in politically sensitive environments.
- Cross-Cutting Technical Competencies: Strong analytical, communication, and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Ethical and Professional Standards: Sensitivity to culture, ensuring confidentiality, and impartiality.

#### **Languages:**

- Fluency in one or more of the following UN languages is required: English, French, and Portuguese.

<p>Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:</p>	<p>Specific details will be determined based on the technical assignment for which the candidate is eligible.</p>
<p>Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:</p>	<p>Specific details will be determined based on the technical assignment for which the candidate is eligible.</p> <p>To be registered for future assignments please submit your CV and cover letter, and three relevant examples of previously published work, such as high-quality technical outputs (e.g., national political engagement strategies, legislative gap analyses, SRHR investment cases/cost-of-inaction SMART advocacy reports for domestic resource mobilization, or strategic communication and narrative framing plans). Please note that not submitting relevant samples may lead to your application being disqualified.</p> <p>Please share your application through the 2gether 4 SRHR Technical Assistance Hub via the on-line registration link: <a href="https://tahub.2gether4srhr.org/">https://tahub.2gether4srhr.org/</a> Upon registering you will be asked to input the title of the Call you are applying for: TAHub09 Comprehensive Integrated SRHR_Thematic Area/ Strategic Policy and Political Engagement &amp; Advocacy.</p>