



Terms Of Reference for research on *improved access to Maternal Health services.*

Introduction and background:

Reach A Hand Uganda (RAHU) is a youth centered organisation focusing on youth empowerment programs with emphasis on Livelihoods & Skills Development, Behavior Change Communication, Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights, and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. RAHU is currently implementing the U Decide project in Kasese and Adjumani Districts. The overall goal of the project is ***Reduced Maternal mortality among girls and young women in Uganda through evidence-based advocacy and improved access to Maternal Health services.***

The target locations for the research project are; Moroto, Mayuge, Kampala, Mbarara, Kasese and Adjumani Districts.

The project has the following outcomes;

1. Improved access to maternal health among girls and young women aged between 15 to 24
2. Increased evidence based advocacy for a progressive abortion response in Uganda

Research purpose

The purpose of the research is to examine the gaps in maternal health service provision in rural communities. These findings are what will form the bulk of the evidenced based advocacy that will be presented at national level in the different advocacy spaces.

Research audiences

The research is intended for the project team, adolescent girls, young women, teenage mothers, district leaders, health workers, parents and community leaders and support in the implementation of the program activities.

Evaluation questions

Below are some of the questions we want the research to answer;

1. What is the level of knowledge on Maternal health care among young people and other community members?
2. What are the attitudes and practices on Maternal Health among young people and other community members?

3. What are the gaps that need immediate advocacy interventions or action concerning Maternal health?

Methodology

Reach A Hand Uganda will select a local research consultant/institution to conduct the research. The selected consultant will be required to prepare a detailed research methodology in partnership with the RAHU M&E team. The research will be proposed to apply both quantitative and qualitative data collection methods. A total of 6 sub-counties: one in each of the 6 Districts above will be covered. The Consultant shall with the project team suggest documents for review. Once selected, the project team shall provide the documents. Secondary data sources will be used for further data analysis. The consultant will be expected to share their technical proposal clearly indicating the methodology and tools to be used. Of interest, the consultant will be expected to document the correlations between the several variables to meaningfully answer the research questions.

Data analysis and interpretation

Collected data will be processed using the consultants desired package. Results from the analysis shall be disaggregated by sex, age, and district. Draft findings will be presented with the project team and key partners for validation.

Responsibility

Evaluation Phase and timelines	Role	Primary Task
Planning (6th-15th April 2021)	Project team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make project introduction meeting with the consultant 2. Submit project documents to Consultant 3. Provide technical inputs to improve baseline methodology, questionnaire, FDG, and KII guides 4. Give the final approval to the consultant team to collect data
	Consultant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop methodology/questionnaire 2. Test and adjust survey tools 3. Train field data enumerators 4. Seek IRB approval 5. Submit the inception report
Data Collection and Analysis	Consultant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully facilitate the data collection

(17th-30th April 2021)		2. Fully responsible for data quality assurance Present and validate data to the project team
	Project team	Support in the Organization of the meetings with adolescent girls and young women, Local leaders, and other key stakeholders
Reporting and Follow up (1st-7th May 2021)	Consultant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a draft report in English 2. Discussion with Project Team on findings and reflect the feedback in the final report 3. Final report submission
	Project Team	Participate in discussion meeting and provide feedback

Reporting and Supervision

The Consultant will report to the Head of Programs at RAHU who will provide overall management and supervision. The Head of Programs will designate the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager and Programs Manager to provide day-to-day support.

SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL PROPOSALS

Submission of tenders should be made by email to the address indicated below, by specifying on the Cover page with the research title.

The tender proposals should include at least the following:

- A. Preliminary research design based on the ToR.
- B) A timeframe for the research with clear details concerning the work to be executed, and specifying interim deliverables
- C) A detailed budget
- D) Research team description: composition, leadership and curriculum of all members
- E) An example of a research report produced by the research team or research lead (or valid hyper links to online published papers, reports) that includes similar research work done in the field of SRHR. Place and deadline for submission of tenders:

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and detailed curriculum vitae to info@reachahand.org cc: hr@reachahand.org by 12th April 2021 with the subject: [First Name]: Well springs Consultant Application.