JOE ADVERT FOR SHORT TERM CONSULTANT

**Position**: National Consultant-O3 Plus Project

**Contract Type**: Service Contract

**Duty Station**: Windhoek, Namibia

**Duration**: 4 months with possibility of extension based on availability of funds and performance

**Job Summary**:

The position will be responsible for providing direct support in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the Our Rights, Our Future, Our Lives (O3) Plus project for the realization of positive health, education, and gender equality outcomes for young people in Higher and Tertiary Institutions of Namibia. The O3PLUS program is being implemented at 2 Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions in Namibia since 2022 with a possibility of scale up when funds become available. The Consultant will also support other existing O3 related interventions in the Office as assigned. The Position will be based at UNESCO Windhoek Office and will be directly supervised by the National Programme Officer (NPO) Education for Health and Wellbeing

**Job Roles and responsibilities**

Specifically, s/he will support the NPO to undertake the following tasks and responsibilities.

- Conduct relevant evidence-based advocacy to garner stakeholder support for young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Work with university authorities to institutionalize Life-skills and Health Education, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) service provision and prevention/response to sexual and gender-based violence for young people in tertiary institutions.
- Support the capacity building of the Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions (HTEIs) to deliver quality and effective SE through training of health care workers, lecturers, and peer educators/mentoring programs.
- Facilitate capacity strengthening of campus health facilities to offer a trusted standard package of youth-friendly health services for students, along with sustained referral mechanisms to specialist care and support services as needed.
- Re-invigorate existing structures to ensure students have access to quality life skills and Health education services through strengthening collaboration between HTEIs, relevant ministries, Civil Society organisations facilitating mobile health services and ‘in-reach’ programs by external service providers
- Support health facilities to implement the scorecard to routinely assess the quality-of-SRH services at HTEI health facilities and others that offer services to students
• Support operationalization of the whistle blower mechanism to enhance response to sexual and gender-based violence that students may encounter in and around campus.
• Establish a system of a knowledge-sharing platform, providing an opportunity for institutions to collaborate, network, share knowledge and provide collective suggestions on issues related to health and well-being, practice and programs and evidence-based research.
• Sustain functionality of the existing O3 PLUS Project Institutional Level Technical Working Groups to ensure well-coordinated implementation of the project.
• Lead the compilation of SRH/SE/GBV innovations, stories of change and learnings for sharing in relevant local, national and international Education, HIV, SRH, Gender and other important platforms.
• Coordinate Implementation of O3PLUS project at 2 participating universities and lead efforts to consolidate outputs to inform project scale up.
• Support operations research, monitoring & evaluation around SE/SRH for young people in tertiary institutions to enhance evidence-based planning and implementation of programmes.
• Any other duties as may be assigned by UNESCO.

**Required Qualifications**

**Education**
- Advanced university degree (Masters) in Education, Social Sciences, Public Health or a relevant field.

**Work Experience**
- At least three (3) years of progressively responsible, professional work experience in developing, coordinating, implementing, and monitoring projects on sexual and reproductive health, Gender Based Violence Prevention, Sexuality Education, HIV and AIDS programmes for young people.
- Experience working with Government ministries, Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions, international/national Non-Governmental Organizations and UN Agencies.

**Skills and competencies**
- Strong knowledge of the country context, with a particular focus on education and public health
- Experience in Project management
- Extensive professional knowledge and experience on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, including GBV, SE, HIV and AIDS programming
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience in partnership building
- High level of technical writing skills on issues related to SRH programmes for young people.
- A track record in programme coordination, ability to manage budgets and report on implementation.
- Excellent organizational, networking and partnership building skills, tact and discretion.
- Experience in training, coordination and/or institutional and human capacity building.
- Experience in monitoring and evaluation.
• Excellent strategic and analytical skills.
• Good computer and other IT skills including proficiency in MS office packages.

Languages
• Fluency (oral and written) in English.

Submission of Application:
Qualified and interested candidate(s) are invited to submit their application by mail to the following mail address a.heita@unesco.org not later than 31 August 2023. The application should include a cover letter, updated CV, copies of academic qualification and two reference letters from any of the Referees listed.