



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

UNESCO seeks to engage a service of a youth-led or youth serving organization, working on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) to support its efforts in enhancing access of young people to Life skills-based health education.

BACKGROUND

Life skills-based health education plays a pivotal role in the lives of young people by providing them with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to make informed decisions about their health, including their sexual and reproductive health. UNESCO is committed to enhancing the access of young people to comprehensive life skills-based health education and SRHR information, empowering them to make informed decisions about their health. To achieve this, we are seeking a partner who can co-create, develop, and disseminate life skills-based health education information using cutting-edge digital and low-tech innovations. We believe that young people, who are the primary beneficiaries, should play a central role in shaping the design and content of these innovations.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this partnership are as follows:

- To enhance the access of young people to Life skills-based health education through the utilization of innovative digital and low-tech tools and inclusive approaches.
- Foster youth engagement and participation throughout the project, from design to implementation and dissemination.

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected youth-led or youth-serving organization will be responsible for the following activities:

- Organize workshops and consultations involving young people and experts to develop SRHR content for dissemination through innovative digital and low-tech tools (e.g., smartphone applications, social media, radio, and TV programs).
- Create and disseminate informative, engaging, and culturally sensitive content on SRHR and Gender based violence (GBV) tailored to the needs and preferences of young people, (at least 10 youth-oriented key messages).
- Track the number of young people accessing and reached by the messages for reporting to UNESCO.

- Maintain regular communication and coordination with UNESCO to provide progress updates on activities, obtain and incorporate feedback.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Interested youth-led or youth serving organizations must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a youth-led or youth-serving civil society organization with a demonstrated commitment to sexual and reproductive health of young people.
- Have at least 18 months experience in implementing projects related to SRHR and GBV, particularly in the context of digital and low-tech innovations.
- Possess a track record of successfully engaging young people in the design and implementation of SRHR and GBV initiatives.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the cultural, social, and legal contexts related to SRHR in Namibia.
- Possess the ability to mobilize and engage with young people from diverse backgrounds and regions.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to inclusivity, cultural sensitivity, and gender equality.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations interested in this partnership should submit an expression of interest that includes the following information by 22 December 2023

- A cover letter expressing your organization's interest in the project.
- Brief background information on the organization, including its mission, vision, and areas of expertise (no more than 2 pages)
- Description of relevant experience and achievements related to SRHR, GBV and youth engagement (no more than 2 pages)
- A description of any relevant projects or initiatives related to SRHR and digital/low-tech innovations your organization has previously undertaken (no more than 2 pages).
- Proposed approach and methodology for conducting the activities outlined in the scope of work (no more than 2 pages).
- Estimated budget which provides a lumpsum cost per deliverable.
- Contact details for the primary point of contact.

TIMELINE

- Call for Expressions of Interest: from 11-22 December 2023
- Submission deadline: 22 December, at 23:59 – (Windhoek time).
- Contract duration: January to April 2024 (4 months).

SUBMISSION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Interested organizations should submit their expressions of interest electronically to the UNESCO Windhoek Office, (ao.windhoek@unesco.org) no later than the submission deadline (22 December, at 23:59 Windhoek time). For any inquiries or clarifications, please contact Ms. Aina Heita Kantewa, National Programme Officer, (a.heita@unesco.org).