



## Consultancy – Safe Passage Program, a development of a Call for proposals

### ARO-AWRO region

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

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The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) was founded in 1952 and currently has 150 Member Associations (MAs) and Collaborative Partners with a presence in over 146 countries. IPPF is a global healthcare provider and a leading advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all with the vision that all people are free to make choices about their sexuality and well-being, in a world free from discrimination. IPPF recognises that the achievement of the highest attainable standard of sexual and reproductive health is not possible when gender equality and human rights are not respected, protected and fulfilled.

As affirmed by the IPPF Strategy 2023- 2028, IPPF is now more focused than ever on expanding our reach to crisis affected populations –particularly women, girls and marginalized population- with SRH in emergencies services. As a Humanitarian actor, IPPF aims at *working together with our local members to uphold the dignity and right to sexual reproductive Health to all in crisis*. A locally led and feminist approach is central to this by engaging the existing expertise of Member Associations and partners and mobilising the energy of our youth volunteers.

IPPF's humanitarian program is in a unique position to respond to the needs of women and girls in crisis settings as our Member Associations are **established, local, autonomous** organizations that are present before the onset of an emergency, during the response and in the recovery phase.

## Justification

Migration has become an everyday event in the lives of many people, exposing them to compounded socio-cultural, economic, political and health challenges. According to the International Organization for Migration, “migrant” is an umbrella term for any person who moves away from their place of usual residence, whether within a country or across an international border, temporarily or permanently, and for a variety of reasons (IOM, 2019)<sup>1</sup>. Migrants may be in regular or in irregular situations. Migrants in vulnerable situations are compelled to leave their country of origin, because of the vulnerability they experience, for example in case of socio-economic instability, conflict, food insecurity, climate crisis, natural disasters, and other humanitarian situations, or because in need of protection against a human rights violation. The UN Refugee Agency explains that forced displacement has been at its peak in recent years, with around 108 million forcibly displaced people at the end of 2022 (UNHCR, 2023)<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration (2019). International Migration Law. Glossary on Migration No.34 ISSN 1813-2278

<sup>2</sup> UNHCR Global Trends Report



The IPPF Strategic Fund, or Stream 2, is an IPPF funding mechanism to support MAs in responding to strategic initiatives identified to better achieve our strategic outcomes. Some regions are facing a growing humanitarian crisis related to people on the move, as it can take months or even years to reach their desired destination from their country of origin.

Migrants, and especially women and girls on the move who are survivors of SGBV, have multi-layered needs that cover health, mental health and support, security and protection need (including shelter), legal and law enforcement for access to justice and documentation, access to livelihood opportunities and education, among others. LGBTIQ+ migrants and people who engage in transactional sex (sell and exchange of sex for good and services) face compounded risks due to social exclusion.

Sexual and reproductive health is often deprioritized, and this despite well documented needs, such as increased frequency of adolescent and unintended pregnancies; lack of access to contraception, STI/HIV and safe abortion care; poor menstrual hygiene; stigma about SRH resulting in increased maternal morbidity and mortality and decreased survival of people living with HIV. In addition, sexual and gender-based violence can be experienced by migrants, especially sexual violence and assault, those risks are greater for women and girls traveling alone, women and girls with disabilities, those who have already survived sexual violence, and sexual minorities, among others. There is still a need to approach migration with an inclusive and gender-based lens, especially, to better understand how power relations, discrimination, and inequalities across societal norms place migrants – and especially women and girls, and LGTBIQ+ on the move – at higher risk of SGBV.

### **Geographical Scope:**

The programme will cover migratory routes of greatest complexity, risk, and humanitarian priority in the Mediterranean Sea routes. Focus countries across both regions (ARO and AWRO)(maximum of 8) will be selected based on deliverables 1 and 2 of this consultancy.

## Scope

### Objective

Conduct formative activities that will inform an anticipated multi country - in the origin and transit countries - and multi partners (MAs and other partners) consortium to support Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergencies (SRHiE) and SGBV programs, specific needs of marginalised populations on the move in the Mediterranean Routes.



Source: [Africa Center for Strategic Studies](#).

### Specific objectives

1. Develop an inclusive, gender- and people-centre situation analysis that reflects a good understanding of the specific SRH and SGBV vulnerabilities faced by people on the move, particularly girls and women, people with diverse SOGIESC<sup>3</sup>, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities along key migration Mediterranean routes; existing gaps in the implementation of those services, a review of interventions and responses from various organizations, including Civil Society Organizations (local NGOs), international agencies, and Community Based Organizations (CBO), as well as governments migration policies and actions in both sending, transit and receiving countries.
2. Develop a capacity assessment of each key from selected countries (max 8) Member Association established along the migration routes to evaluate SRH and SGBV care services, human resources, technical expertise, and health information systems. This should include the identification of gaps or areas of capacity building that should be strengthened to be part

<sup>3</sup> Umbrella term for all people whose sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and/or sex characteristics place them outside culturally mainstream categories:

<https://www.iom.int/sites/g/files/tmzbd1486/files/documents/SOGIESC-LGBTIQ-Messages-for-Pre-Departure-Orientation-Curriculums.pdf>

of the future consortium.

3. Based on the results of the formative activities of specific objectives 1 and 2, a Call for Proposals will be developed to assist Member Associations interested in the preparing proposals (in consortium).

Under the guidance of both the IPPF Arab World Regional Office and the IPPF Africa Regional Office, the consultants/firm will work closely with the Humanitarian Director and Humanitarian Technical Lead, both based in Brussels.

**IPPF anticipates that this stream of work will require support from a team of consultants/firm rather than one individual.**

### **Deliverables**

IPPF needs to develop and finalize the formative activities and the Call for Proposals by the end of March 2025.

#### **Deliverable 1 - Situation Analysis (2 Months)**

The consultants/firm should prepare a technical document, and supporting annexes that includes the following:

- Inclusive, gender- and people-centre approach that reflects a good understanding of the specific SRH and SGBV needs and vulnerabilities faced by people on the move, particularly girls and women, people with diverse SOGIESC, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities.
- Gaps in SRH and SGBV service provision for vulnerable populations, including safe abortion and services for people with diverse SOGIESC.
- A detailed mapping and analysis of the different routes within both regions.
- A mapping of interventions and responses from various organizations, including Civil Society Organizations (local NGOs), international agencies, and Community Based Organizations (CBO) and mechanisms of collaboration.
- Continuity of care possibilities along migration routes, identifying gaps and existing mechanisms for consistent SRH/SGBV care, including a mapping of potential technical, partnership, consortiums and financial partnerships across multiple countries.
- Migration policies and programs in transit and destination countries, highlighting their impact on marginalized groups and service accessibility.
- A separate Recommendations and conclusions chapter that could guide the development of the Call for Proposals.

#### **Deliverable 2 - MA capacity assessment report (2 months)**

Capacity Assessment report providing a detailed evaluation of (maximum 8) MAs established along the migration routes, focusing on their readiness to form a consortium and deliver the SRH and SGBV program. This report must include:

- An evaluation of MAs' SRH and SGBV care services, human resources, technical expertise, health information systems and relevant experience to gauge their readiness for consortium integration. It could include visits to 3 – 4 countries.
- An analysis of MAs' ability to deliver the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) and/or the IPPF Integrated Package of Essential Services (IPES+), emphasizing SRH and SGBV clinical services, including first-line support (LIVES), referrals, MHPSS, community-based activities.
- The identification of gaps and operational risks in the MAs' capabilities with specific recommendations for capacity-building to meet program demands.
- A regional workshop session with MAs, reflecting on results of the situation analysis (deliverable 1) and the capacity assessments informing the theory of change for the CN and MAs programme design.

### **Deliverable 3 - Development of STREAM 2 Program Call for Proposal (1,5 month)**

Based on the formative activities, the consultants/firm will provide a no more than 15 to 20 pages (maximum) STREAM 2 Program Call for Proposal to potential MAs and partners consortium including:

- a. Context, based on the deliverable 1:
  - Description of the most acute humanitarian SRH and SGBV gaps and needs per country.
  - Summary of the mapping of the interventions and responses developed by the organizations along the migration routes.
  - Summary of the migration policies and programs in transit and destination countries, highlighting their impact on marginalized groups and service accessibility.
- b. Eligibility Information based on the deliverable 2
- c. Envisaged STREAM 2 response and expected results of Humanitarian SRH and SGBV interventions:
  - o Scope, objectives, activities and intended budget and possible additional source of funding.

### **Specific skills**

- A consultation firm is preferred or team of independent consultants with at least 10 years of overall experience in qualitative research methods and/or programs design.
- Knowledge about migration and humanitarian crisis, especially within Mediterranean routes.
- Work experience on SRH and SGBV in international humanitarian and/ or UN agencies.
- Previous experience of developing capacity assessments and reporting to inform program design, and eligibility criteria.
- Understanding of local cultures, languages and socio-political contexts.

### **Timeframes**



Objective 1 to start by October 15th to December 15th 2024; Objective 2 to start December 15th, 2024, and be finalized by February 15th, 2025, and Objective 3 to start with objective 2 and be finalised by March 31st, 2025. We anticipate 5 months of work.

### Fees

Professional fees must be quoted in USD or GBP. Please indicate daily rate and number of days' work, as part of your financial proposal, for each objective and deliverables. Fees should exclude VAT. Where indicated VAT should be shown separately and indicated separately on invoices.

### Application process

Firms, organizations interested in this consultancy with a demonstrable experience in outlined skill set, should provide:

- A technical proposal and a work plan for achieving the objectives, including approach to completing the assignment, activities to be developed and deliverables as described in these Terms of Reference. This should also include the team composition and management for the assignment. (Maximum 10 pages).
- A cover letter (no more than two pages) outlining their experience against the requirements listed above, including examples of previous work in relation to the Terms of Reference.
- CVs of team members proposed to work on the assignment. (Maximum 2 pages for each CV).
- Financial proposal. Fees must be quoted in USD or GBP. Please indicate daily rate and number of days' work, as part of your financial proposal. Fees should exclude VAT. Where indicated VAT should be shown separately and indicated separately on invoices.

**Please submit your application to [awrjobs@ippf.org](mailto:awrjobs@ippf.org) with the subject "Consultancy – Safe Passage Program, a Call for Proposals". Deadline for submission is 22<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**A Q&A Session will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**