

SELECTION OF NGO IMPLEMENTING PARTNER FOR YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND

In 2018-2021, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is implementing the “Integrated Support Programme for Women and Young People’s Health In Umnugobi” jointly funded by the Gobi Oyu Development Support Fund (DSF), Government of Mongolia, Embassy of Australia, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO, and implemented by the Umnugobi provincial government, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WHO. The aim is to tackle the critical and emerging health and social issues in the province affecting the health and well-being of women and young people.

As part of the integrated programme, UNFPA is also implementing the second phase of the OT-funded “Accentuating the Positive: Youth for Development” project in Khanbogd soum, which will continue to support the development of young people through various targeted interventions, including entrepreneurship promotion. The good practices generated in phase 1 of the project demonstrated the potential of youth entrepreneurship in improving the quality of life for young people as well as for identifying innovative solutions for the development of the community. The above integrated programme includes a series of activities to boost the existing and emerging youth-led social enterprises and initiatives in Umnugobi province, with focus on Khanbogd soum. A comprehensive set of actions is planned to improve the capacity of young herders’ group through dedicated life skills education workshops at the Youth development Center (YDC), support for the annual young herders’ forum, income generation training, and youth platforms to share experience among youth in the country and outside the country.

The latest statistics inform that the unemployment rate is highest among young people aged 15-24, compared with other population and age groups. In this context, youth-driven employment generation provides significant opportunities to diversify and strengthen youth development, especially in Khanbogd soum, which is one of the main mining sites. The YDC, established with support from UNFPA and OT LLC, offers services such as life skills training, while support for young herders’ groups and social enterprises are innovative means for these skills to be put to effective use. Herders’ groups and social enterprises offer innovative tools for youth to gain practical entrepreneurial skills.

Therefore, UNFPA is seeking an experienced NGO that can conduct interventions on youth entrepreneurs in Umnugobi province, with focus on Khanbogd soum.

SCOPE OF WORK AND TENTATIVE TIMELINE

The selected organization will work with UNFPA to contribute to the achievement of the Integrated Programme objectives in general, and the following objectives more specifically:

Outcome	5. Adolescent and youth are empowered and participate in youth policy and decision-making platforms
Outcome indicator	5.1. Percentage of budget allocation for youth development in Umnugobi province; Baseline: TBD (2018); Target: At least 50% increase (2021)
Output	5.3. Youth entrepreneurs promoted including start-ups and herder groups.
Output indicators	5.3.1 Number of youth start-up contracts awarded in Umnugobi; Baseline: 8 (2017); Target: 40 (2021); 5.3.2 Number of small grants awarded to young herders' groups; Baseline: 4 (2017); Target: 16 (2021)

DELIVERABLES

1. A systematic 4 year plan for youth, including herder youth, entrepreneurship promotion in Umnugobi province, with focus on Khanbogd soum, based on sound evidence and locally applicable solutions;
2. A series of inclusive youth entrepreneurship/social entrepreneurship support interventions (including provision of tools, skills and training activities), jointly with local authorities, including youth development centers;
3. At least 32 grants provided to youth enterprises /social enterprises in 2018-2021, based on fair and transparent selection, with special attention to inclusiveness, with a significant success rate of having achieved at least 50% of the planned sales within the 6 months, and at least 2 jobs created for young people;
4. At least 12 grants provided to young herders' groups/start-ups in 2018-2021, based on fair and transparent selection, with special attention to inclusiveness, with a significant success rate of having achieved at least 50% of the planned sales within the 6 months, and at least 2 jobs created for young people;
5. Regular mentorship and coaching, as well as networking with potential sponsors/funding sources, and support services;
6. Regular monitoring and reporting to UNFPA of the progress and results of the interventions; and
7. Regular media communication and advocacy interventions to promote and ensure sustainability of the interventions, including for entrepreneurship eco system building.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Experience

- At least 5 years of experience in entrepreneurship development and promotion;
- Experience working with young people, including marginalized youth and young herders;
- Proven track record of successful interventions promoting entrepreneurship/social entrepreneurship, including with young people;

- Proven track record of successful enterprises established with the organization's support;
- Familiarity and experience in Umnogobi province, especially Khanbogd soum, as an added advantage;
- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing both in Mongolian and English;
- Excellent communication skills and experience in engaging young people.

DOCUMENTATION

- Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Mongolia
- Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Mongolia (for INGOs)
- Attachment I – NGO Profile and Programme Proposal
- Latest annual report and audit report as separate documents or hyperlink to the documents

ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS AND TRANSPARENCY

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