TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT
(NATIONAL)

FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE UNFPA AND OYU TOLGOI JOINT PROJECT:
ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE: YOUTH FOR DEVELOPMENT IN KHANBOGD

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<td>Purpose of consultancy</td>
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<td>The overall objectives of the evaluation are to assess the impact of the project, as well as broaden the evidence base for the design of next phase.</td>
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<td>The specific objectives are to:</td>
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<td>• Provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes of the project,</td>
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<td>• Draw key lessons from the collaborative project and provide a set of clear and forward-looking options leading to strategic and actionable recommendations in light of UNFPA Country Programme for the next phase.</td>
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Background: In the global context, the health and well-being of young people and adolescents has been a core part of the UN System, particularly the International Conference of Population Development (ICPD) held in Nairobi in 1994. This conference laid down the foundations for the world to commit to realizing the sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights of people everywhere. Twenty-five years on, at the ICPD25 held in 2019, the world recommitted to these goals and to achieving the 2030 sustainable development goals. In all programmes and organizational strategies, the UNFPA is committed to ensuring a world where every young person can make their choices and enjoy their rights.

In response to rapid socio-economic change in Mongolia, particularly related to the intensification of extractive industries and the potential risks and vulnerabilities this poses for youth, particularly in mining areas, the UNFPA implemented the Youth Development Program (YDP). Funded by the Swiss Agency for development and cooperation, Government of Luxembourg, and UNFPA, the YDP has been jointly implemented by the Government of Mongolia and the UNFPA since 2013.

The YDP aimed to serve youth aged 15-34 in urban rural and mining areas, with specific interventions such as supporting adolescent and youth-friendly health services, setting up youth development centres, mobilising peer educator’s networks, conducting GBV awareness workshops and safe school initiatives, and facilitating youth participation and youth-led advocacy efforts in the country.

Implemented as part of the YDP, a joint project between Oyu Tolgoi LLC and the UNFPA has been in operation since 2015. This two-phase project, Accentuating the positive: youth for development in Khangbogd, is designed to enhance youth resilience and life-skills, equipping youth to claim their rights and exercise their civic responsibilities. It also strengthens Youth Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health (YFSRH) services and promotes an enabling environment for youth development in general, including development of and advocacy for youth policy, supportive legislation and behavior change communication interventions in Khanbogd soum of Umnugobi province.

The first phase of this project (2015-2017) focused on the following outcomes:

1. Increased availability of life-skills education for young men and women in target areas/institutions
2. Life-skills based GBV prevention model institutionalized and capacity of educational staff built to reduce GBV and foster positive relationships between students
3. Improved and extended provision of youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health (YFSRH) services in target areas
4. Policies, behavior change communication and advocacy in place to address youth issues

The current, second, phase of the project (2018-2020) has focused on the following outcomes:

1. Increased coverage and improved quality of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for adolescents and youth
2. Sub-national level governance strengthened and demand creation and outreach for health issues conducted
3. Adolescents and youth empowered and participate in youth policy and decision-making platforms

Scope of work:

UNFPA Mongolia has conducted a mid-term review in 2016 for the YDP which became the baseline of this joint project. Recommendations from MTR had been taken into account during design stages of the second phase as well as during activity planning for the remaining period of the project.

The evaluation will cover all programmatic interventions planned and implemented during the both periods.
The selected consultant will complete the following tasks:

1. **Collect and analyse the data**;

   This end evaluation will utilise a theory-based approach and combined qualitative and quantitative methodologies for data collection and analysis. Use of both primary and secondary data should be used to improve reliability and robustness of findings. The data collection and analysis should be completed within 3 weeks. Data collection tools will be finalised with UNFPA inputs, and analysis should be performed using the agreed upon methodologies in the inception report.

2. **Draft report**

   Consultant will draft the report based on agreed template, and present it to the project team as well as the UNFPA programme team for comments, technical guidance and quality assurance with changes made accordingly. The draft report will synthesise the main preliminary findings, conclusion and recommendations will be presented to stakeholders for validation.

3. **Conduct a validation meeting**

   Consultant will conduct consultation meeting with key stakeholders for validating the main findings.

4. **Finalize the report**

   Consultant will finalize report, based on comments and changes made by the UNFPA and during the validation meeting.

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<th>Duration and working schedule:</th>
<th>The end evaluation will start in September 2020 and continue for an estimated period of one month. It is important that the final activities of the project are captured within this evaluation. Therefore, the national consultant is expected to work starting from 21 September 2020 for a duration of one month.</th>
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<td>Place where services are to be delivered:</td>
<td>Ulaanbaatar city, Mongolia.</td>
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<td>Deliverables and due dates</td>
<td>The selected consultant will be expected to produce the following deliverables, according to the suggested timeframe. A detailed workplan will be developed and agreed upon during the contracting process.</td>
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<td>- Inception report by <strong>25 September 2020</strong></td>
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<td>- Draft report by <strong>12 October 2020</strong></td>
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<td>- Final report by <strong>21 October 2020</strong></td>
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<td>Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, periodicity format and deadline:</td>
<td>The end evaluation is expected to be carried out from September 2020 to October 2020 and the selected consultant will work closely with a project implementing partners (IPs), and other national partners. As the Khanbogd Soum Governor’s Office is the main Government agency for management of the YDP, it is essential that the consultant works closely with the local government staff. The reporting requirements, formats and deadlines will be confirmed during the first briefing session.</td>
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<td>Supervisory arrangements:</td>
<td>The national consultant will report to Data and Health Specialist of the ISP under the overall guidance of the Assistant Representative.</td>
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<td>Expected travel:</td>
<td>Domestic travel to Umnugobi province including Khanbogd soum will be required.</td>
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**Requirements:**
- Master’s Degree in health sciences, including public health, gender, development studies, social science or related field;
- At least 8 years of previous experience in conducting evaluations, especially in the field of SRH, adolescent and youth development;
- Specialization and experience in the area of sexual reproductive health and rights, and youth development;
- High-level understanding of youth development and youth-oriented services, including sexual and reproductive health;
- Familiarity with UN and/or UNFPA mandate and activities;
- Excellent analytical, communication and writing skills;
- Experience working with the UN system, including UNFPA as an added advantage;

Fluency in English is required.

**Inputs / services to be provided by UNFPA or implementing partner (e.g. support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:**

It is anticipated that the consultancy will be governed by an individual consultancy contract under standard UNFPA/UNDP terms and conditions. UNFPA will pay a consultancy fee according to the current UNFPA approved schedule of rates at a level to be negotiated.

**Schedule of payment: (3D52EV5Y74OYU02)**

1. First installment of 25% of consultancy fees will be provided upon acceptance of inception report;
2. Second installment of 25% of consultancy fees will be provided upon acceptance of draft report;
3. Final installment of 50% of consultancy fees will be provided upon acceptance of the end evaluation report by UNFPA

UNFPA reserves the right to withhold up to 30% of the total fee in case the deliverables are not submitted on schedule or do not meet the required standard. Copyright and ownership of all documents produced will remain with UNFPA.

**Logistical arrangements**
The UNFPA Country Office will be responsible for arranging all logistical matters related with the local travel and consultations, including venue. The CO can also provide support in organizing meetings with key government agencies and other stakeholders.

**Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:**

TBD

**Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office:**

**Date:**