

Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consultancy on Implementing Evaluation of Women and Earth (WORTH) Initiative Programme 2018-2021

1. Introduction

The Women and Earth (WORTH) Initiative is an innovation programme and fund implemented through a partnership between the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA) and Asian- Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW). The initiative is a platform created for civil society to come together to unleash creativity and develop new integrated solutions to the issues that arise from the interlinkages between gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) with environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation.

Climate change disproportionately affects women and girls due to existing social and economic inequalities that discriminates against marginalized women and girls. Increases in sexual and gender based violence, child marriages and trafficking are being reported as harmful coping strategies following slow as well as sudden climate disasters, and we are seeing temperature increases and air pollution leading to negative health outcomes for pregnant women.

But another story should also be told. When women and girls are actively engaged in discussions and decision making; when their experiences are brought to the table and when their perspectives and needs are incorporated in climate action, their lives improve and the projects become more sustainable. For this to happen, their sexual and reproductive rights must be realized including their right to sexual and reproductive health. WORTH offers innovative solutions to address this.

The WORTH Initiative has identified and aims to address three issues; 1) The lack of knowledge about interlinkages between SRHR and environmental sustainability/climate change, and ultimately about the potential impact of integrating both areas and addressing their mutual influence on each other. 2) The lack of civil society capacity to innovate work for these interlinkages to be translated into initiatives and policies. 3) The lack of civil society owned funding opportunities to realize innovative work and projects within the cross field between SRHR and climate change/ environmental sustainability, through two programme components; the Innovation Learning Labs and Civil society based Funding Mechanism.

Since 2018, the WORTH Initiative has provided scholarships to selected candidates from Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, and the Philippines, through an open call process, to attend capacity building labs, where innovative and creative ideas are developed and honed. The best ideas are subsequently implemented through grant support from the

WORTH Fund. At present, the Fund is supporting implementation of ten innovative ideas in all four countries.

2. Objective of Consultancy

The consultancy concerns the final evaluation of the WORTH Initiative programme 2018-2021. The main objective of the final evaluation of WORTH Initiative programme is two fold

1) to assess the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the project to ensure that the project's objectives are reached within the agreed implementation period and document lessons learned

2) to provide recommendations for the rest of the project period and beyond.

Towards this we are commissioning an evaluation of the WORTH Initiative programme 2018-2021 and are calling for Expression of Interest (EOI) in this regard.

The final evaluation will take place during the final year of the WORTH Initiative Programme in order to allow recommendations to inform the planning of possible future project. More specifically the consultant will:

- Assess the impact of achievements at outcome level and analyse the successes and challenges faced
- Document how the achievements of the project came about, including identification of which pathways of change have been most effective (preferably through triangulation of data)
- Identify best practices and lessons learnt
- Provide recommendation for the planning of a potential future programme

3. Methodology

The evaluation will be organized and conducted by the consultant. The consultant will ensure the use of relevant, state of the art, internationally recognized methods that can evaluate pathways of change.

The consultant will prepare a framework for the evaluation (part of the inception report), including a description of the evaluation team if applicable, approach, data collection methodology, analysis, work plan, etc.

In practice, a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods should be used.

The WORTH Initiative Team will assist the consultant with information about the project, the project area, by facilitating contact to local partners, involved stakeholders and beneficiaries, and providing access to relevant documents.

4. Outputs of Consultancy

The outputs of the consultancy consist of:

1. Evaluation framework and budget (part of the consultancy application)
2. Draft evaluation report based on the consultant's evaluation activities
3. A presentation and discussion of the preliminary findings to WORTH Initiative Team
4. A Final Evaluation report including comments from WORTH Initiative Team
5. The final report will encompass as a minimum; description of methodology, key findings, discussions and recommendations.

5. Scope of Work

The scope of work for the consultant includes the following tasks:

1. Preparation (desk review of relevant document, preparation of inception report)
2. Submission of inception report
3. Data collection from partners/stakeholders and analysis
4. Drafting report
5. Presentation of draft report to the WORTH Initiative team
6. Write up and submission of final report

The scope of this work is estimated to cover a period of 30 days including preparatory desk review, fieldwork and report compilation.

6. Deliverables

The consultant will submit:

1. Inception report
2. Presentation of preliminary findings
3. Draft report

7. Timeline

Completion of the evaluation for WORTH Initiative Programme 2018-2021: February - April 2021

8. Minimum Requirements for potential consultant

- Expertise in evaluations around gender equality and SRHR issues such as, sexuality, gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights, abortion rights, human rights and policy.
- Expertise in evaluations around the interlinkages between gender, SRHR and climate change adaptation/environmental sustainability.
- Expertise in evaluations of approaches such as evidence-based advocacy, capacity strengthening, information and communications, community mobilisation, constituency building and organisational development.
- Have good track record or experience in consultancy work and published work in SRHR and organizational evaluation
- Have a gender responsive and inclusive approach
- Demonstrate ability to complete assignments as per timelines.
- Proven skills in producing quality work and outputs as stipulated in the TOR

The consultant will be responsible to carry out the consultancy in the given timelines.

Please submit your Expression of Interest including a cover letter and budget breakdown to email: info@worthinitiative.org by 20 January, 2021.