#### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

# PARTNERSHIP TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY NETWORK ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is embarking on the selection of implementing partners for the undertaking of a Comprehensive Assessment of Service Delivery Network on Gender-Based Violence (GBV). In light of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its ambitious 15-year timeframe, there is a pressing need to humanize the pursuit of development objectives. This assessment aims to address this imperative within the context of the Philippines by comprehensively evaluating the service delivery network for addressing gender-based violence. By examining the effectiveness, accessibility, and responsiveness of existing services, this initiative seeks to inform and enhance future programming aimed at preventing and responding to GBV across the country.

The study will be carried out this year (2024) which involves the following phases:

#### Phase 1: Preliminary Preparation

- 1. Conduct a thorough desk review of literature, policies, mandates, guidelines, protocols, and tools related to the GBV Service Delivery Network to gain a comprehensive understanding.
- 2. Develop a detailed research methodology, including study design, sampling strategy, data collection tools, and data analysis plan.

# Phase 2: Data Collection and Analysis

- 3. Conduct a mapping exercise of existing GBV services, service providers, and relevant actors within the Service Delivery Network in selected provinces.
- 4. Collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data through surveys, interviews, observations, and focus group discussions.
- 5. Evaluate the effectiveness of current GBV case management protocols and practices, including the role of case managers in facilitating referral pathways.
- 6. Evaluate the impact of all available services within the referral network

# Phase 3: Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation

7. Coordinate with key stakeholders and conduct consultations to gather insights and perspectives on GBV response at the local level.

## Phase 4: Reporting and Documentation

- 8. Prepare comprehensive reports documenting findings, recommendations, and insights from the assessment.
- 9. Develop a streamlined and user-friendly version of the study for use as informational and communicative resource materials.

# Phase 5: Implementation Support and Workshop Facilitation

10. Provide technical support and guidance to UNFPA and its partners in implementing recommendations from the study.

11. Facilitate a national-level workshop for UNFPA and key stakeholders to discuss assessment findings and recommend strategies for addressing identified gaps and challenges in the GBV Service Delivery Network.

The Implementing Partner (IP) will conduct an analysis of the overall effectiveness of the Service Delivery Network for Gender-based Violence (GBV) in the Philippines, aiming to identify gaps and recommend improvements for enhanced survivor support. This will involve mapping the current landscape of GBV services, evaluating operational effectiveness, assessing case management protocols, reviewing roles and responsibilities of primary actors, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and offering technical support for the development and implementation of a national action plan to end VAW in the Philippines.

The IP has to ensure that the study is conducted in an ethical and culturally sensitive manner, respecting the rights and dignity of all participants involved in the study process.

Those interested in participating in the planned selection process should forward their expression of interest along with the detailed project proposal to **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**, 15th **Floor**, **North Tower Rockwell Business Center Sheridan Sheridan Street**, **corner United St**, **Mandaluyong**, 1550, **Philippines** or thru email to **gbv.sdn@unfpa.org**. The format for the project proposal is provided in the attached Annex (*Annex A – Project Proposal Format*), and should include the following:

- Agency/Organizational Profile;
- Preliminary Technical/ Research Proposal; and
- Financial Proposal

The deadline of submission is on **31 May 2024, 5:00 p.m.** Upon receipt of the required documents from prospective implementing partners, UNFPA will evaluate and assess applicants. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

A more detailed description of the scope of work is provided in the Terms of Reference (see Annex B – Terms of Reference).

## ANNEX A:

# PROJECT PROPOSAL FORMAT

# PARTNERSHIP TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY NETWORK ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

#### SECTION A – AGENCY / ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

- A1. Organizational Background
- A2. Human Resource Capacity
- A3. Monitoring and Reporting System
- A4. Network and Affiliations
- A5. Attachments:
  - ☐ Copy of valid legal registration in the country
  - Documented fulfilment of tax obligations and tax registration number
  - □ Copy of audited financial statements for the past three years
  - □ At least three certificates of satisfactory work completed from previous projects

## SECTION B – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

- B1. Study Design and Methodology
- B2. Work Plan
- B3. Team Leader Profile

#### Attachments:

- □ Personal CV or P11 of the Team Leader
- □ At least three (3) professional references

# SECTION C - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

# A. AGENCY/ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Name of Agency/Organization:
Address:
Contact Details:
A1. Organizational Background:
[Describe the background of the organization including existing operations in the subject matter area and how long the operations have been carried out.]
A2. Human Resource Capacity:
[Describe the number of staff and profile of key staff with educational background, documented years of experience in subject matter area and number of years they have worked for the particular entity.]
A3. Monitoring and Reporting System:
[Briefly describe the systems used by the entity for tracking and reporting on its work]
A4. Network and Affiliations:
[Describe the agency/organization's geographical availability /distribution/ network/ affiliations within the priority areas of the study]
A5. Attach a copy of the following to the application:
<ul> <li>Copy of valid legal registration in the country</li> <li>Documented fulfillment of tax obligations and tax registration number</li> <li>Copy of audited financial statements for the past three years</li> <li>At least three certificates of satisfactory work completed from previous projects</li> </ul>

# **B. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

B1. Project Design and Methodology:
[Please elaborate on the planned approach for implementing the project activities and delivering the expected outputs within the designated 90 working days spread over a 6-month period. Highlight the project management arrangements to be adopted for the entirety of the project implementation. Additionally, detail how operations will be sustained throughout the consultancy period. Identify and elucidate on the research objectives concerning the comprehensive assessment of the Service Delivery Network for Gender-based Violence (GBV) in the Philippines. Describe the proposed methodology, including the intended sampling frame, plans for data collection, management, and analysis.]
B2. Work Plan:
[Identify the proposed main activities to be conducted during initial months and the timeframe for each activity. Provide a list of reports and outputs to be delivered, their contents, as well as the proposed dates of submission.]

# **B3. Team Leader Profile:**

□ Attach the Personal CV or P11 of the Team Leader, indicating all relevant work experience and technical expertise and at least three (3) professional references

# C. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

	Budget Details	Total Budget
ACTIVITIES		
Activity #1		
Line Items for Activity #1		
(e.g. meetings, travels, etc.)		
Activity #2		
Line Items for Activity #2		
(e.g. meetings, travels, etc.)		
SUPPORT COST		
(12% of the direct programme cost)		
TOTAL		

# **ANNEX B:**

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

to Conduct a Comprehensive Analysis of the GBV Service Delivery Network

TERMS OF REFERENCE		
Hiring Office:	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Philippines	
Consultancy Period	90 person-days spread over a 6-month calendar period	
Purpose of consultancy:	The Implementing Partner (IP) will conduct an analysis of the overall effectiveness of the Service Delivery Network for Gender-based Violence (GBV) in the Philippines in order to identify the gaps and recommend improvements for enhanced survivor support. This necessitates looking at relevant actors, stakeholders, services, service provision, and how they function within the existing referral system.	
	<ol> <li>Map the current landscape of gender-based violence (GBV) services, service providers across diverse sectors (health, justice/police, social services, coordination), and relevant stakeholders within the Service Delivery Network, focusing on strategically selected provinces.</li> <li>Evaluate the operational effectiveness of the GBV Service Delivery Network, including its structure, inter-sectoral relationships, and processes and coordination mechanisms within the referral system.</li> <li>Assess the effectiveness of the existing GBV case management protocol and evaluate the role of case managers in facilitating access to the referral pathway.</li> <li>Assess the quality and accessibility of services provided within GBV Referral Pathways.</li> <li>Review the roles and responsibilities of primary actors involved, including those entry points and stakeholders that may be unique in each area.</li> <li>Describe how the coordination mechanism between the different stakeholders in the GBV Referral pathway functions</li> <li>Identify strengths, weaknesses, gaps, and challenges in the execution of policies and guidelines, and the provision of services within the GBV Service Delivery Network.</li> <li>Evaluate the impact of the GBV services provided within the Referral System.</li> <li>Develop recommendations and strategies to enhance the overall functionality and effectiveness of the GBV Service Delivery Network.</li> <li>Evaluate the sectoral and multi-sectoral functions of GBV Service Delivery Network in fulfilling its intended role and purpose.</li> <li>Assess the capacity and training needs of service providers within the network to ensure they are equipped to deliver quality services.</li> <li>Offer technical support to UNFPA Philippines CO and its partners, delivering actionable insights to aid in the development and implementation of a national action plan to end VAW in the Philippines, leveraging the comprehensive findings of the comprehensive analysis.</li></ol>	
Scope of work:	Background and Rationale:	
	The 9th Country Programme of UNFPA in the Philippines is dedicated to ensuring that women and girls, particularly those marginalized and left behind in selected provinces, have equitable access to affordable, acceptable, high-quality, and comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services across the humanitarian-development continuum. This programmatic focus underscores UNFPA Philippines' commitment to addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by women and girls in accessing essential SRH and GBV services, both in the context of humanitarian crises and development disparities.	

As the leading advocate and coordinator for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and GBV, UNFPA Philippines has spearheaded numerous consultations. These dialogues involved a wide range of stakeholders, such as government bodies, non-governmental organizations, civil society groups, international development partners, and other United Nations (UN) agencies. The primary objective of these consultations was to facilitate the development of a comprehensive National Strategy for Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

The consultations sought to identify the challenges, gaps, priorities, and opportunities in addressing GBV. They aimed to foster a holistic approach, ensuring the involvement of all relevant stakeholders in championing efforts against Violence Against Women (VAW) in the Philippines. Through these collaborative efforts, UNFPA is working towards a more inclusive and effective strategy to combat GBV and promote gender equality in the country.

During consultations with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the serving Secretariat for the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children (IACVAWC), it was highlighted that the Council, chaired by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and co-chaired by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), is in the early stages of developing a National Action Plan on Ending Violence Against Women (NAPEVAW). Recognizing the importance of this initiative, UNFPA has decided to align its efforts with NAPEVAW, demonstrating full support for the government's efforts to address gender-based violence (GBV) in the country.

As a key component of its strategy to support and strengthen the development of NAP EVAW, UNFPA aims to offer evidence-based information. The consultations revealed one top concern on GBV Response that is common to all partners, the ineffective execution of policies and guidelines, and poor implementation of services at the local level.

To address this gap, UNFPA is conducting a comprehensive assessment of the GBV Service Delivery Network, with a focus on the relevant actors involved and the existing referral system within the selected provinces. This study aims to inform the NAPEVAW and enhance knowledge, providing a comprehensive baseline dataset not only for UNFPA but for all actors advocating to end GBV. This initiative will provide insights in determining the underlying factors and potential approaches to address the ineffective implementation of policies and poor service delivery at the local level. It will enable evidence-based decision-making to prevent and respond to GBV, fostering a more resilient, responsive, and supportive environment for survivors.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

The IP is being sought to complete key tasks as set out in the scope of work detailed in the list below:

- Conduct a thorough desk review of literature, policies, mandates, guidelines, protocols, and tools, including related research and studies on the GBV Service Delivery Network, to gain a comprehensive understanding of their roles and expected functionality, informing the subsequent analysis.
- 2. Develop a detailed research methodology, including the study design, sampling strategy, data collection tools, and data analysis plan.
- 3. Conduct a mapping exercise of existing GBV services, service providers, and relevant actors within the Service Delivery Network in selected provinces to understand the current landscape.
- 4. Collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data from reliable sources through surveys, interviews, observations, and focus group discussions with a focus on the primary actors within the Referral Pathway including but not limited to:
  - Barangay Violence Against Women (VAW) Desk,
  - Women and Children Protection Units (WCPUs),
  - Social Welfare and Development Offices (SWDOs), and

- Philippine National Police (PNP)- Women and Children Protection Desks (WCPDs).
- 5. Evaluate the effectiveness of current GBV case management protocols and practices that includes analyzing the roles and accessibility of case managers in facilitating referral pathways.
- 6. Map existing services within the referral pathway and evaluate its impact.
- 7. Coordinate with key stakeholders and conduct consultations to gather insights and perspectives on GBV response at the local level.
- 8. Prepare comprehensive reports documenting the findings, recommendations, and insights from the assessment. This includes presenting findings to stakeholders and facilitating discussions to ensure understanding and buy-in for proposed interventions.
- 9. Develop a streamlined and user-friendly version of the study for use as informational and communicative resource materials, ensuring that the content is presented in an easily understandable manner and serves as a practical reference for partners actively engaged in addressing GBV.
- 10. Provide technical support and guidance to UNFPA and its partners in implementing the recommendations from the study.
  - Facilitate a national-level workshop for UNFPA and key stakeholders to discuss assessment findings, provide actionable insights, and recommend strategies to address identified gaps and challenges, aiming to enhance understanding and interventions for GBV response and improve the overall functionality of the GBV Service Delivery Network.
- 11. Ensure that the research is conducted in an ethical and culturally sensitive manner, respecting the rights and dignity of all participants involved in the research process.

Duration and Delivery dates, Proposed Payment Schedule and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.): The study will span **90 person- days spread over a calendar period of 6 months,** commencing immediately upon awarding of contract.

The IP will be paid on a per deliverable basis following the schedule below:

Payment	Deliverables	Percentage
1st Payment	Upon the submission of Literature Review, Development of Methodology and Data Collection Tools	30%
2nd Payment	Upon the conduct of Data Collection, Data Analysis and Submission of Draft Report	40%
3rd Payment	Upon the conduct of consultations with Relevant Stakeholders, Submission, Presentation and Approval of the Final Report and Development of Learning Materials	30%

# Detailed Expected Outputs and Timeframe: (see Annex B.1)

- 1. The first payment of 30% will be made upon receipt and acceptance of the First Deliverable as per the table of deliverables (electronically);
- 2. The second payment of 40% will be made upon acceptance of the Second Deliverable as per the table of deliverables (electronically):
- 3. The remaining 30% will be made upon approval by the Representative and acceptance of the Third Deliverable as per the table of deliverables(electronically).

Place where services are to be delivered:

The study will center its focus on the eight provinces outlined as priority areas by UNFPA CO Philippines. This will involve on-site visits to these provinces for primary data collection, utilizing quantitative methodologies complemented by qualitative approaches.

#### **UNFPA Priority Areas:**

- 1. BARMM
  - Maguindanao Del Sur
  - Maguindanao Del Norte
  - Lanao Del Sur
- 2. Region 8
  - Samar
  - Eastern Samar
  - Southern Leyte
- 3. Region 7
  - Cebu
- 4. Region 5
  - Catanduanes

The IP will primarily operate remotely, delivering outputs to UNFPA Philippines online. However, travel will be necessary for essential tasks such as data collection, fieldwork, and reporting to the UNFPA office upon special request.

It's crucial to note that UNFPA will not cover travel expenses, including airfares, land transportation, daily subsistence allowances, incidentals, etc., associated with reporting and fieldwork. Therefore, ensuring these costs are accounted for and incorporated into the Financial Proposal is essential.

For the one-day national-level workshop, it's also important to note that UNFPA will not cover logistical expenses, encompassing venue, meals, accommodation, participants' travel costs, and other associated expenses. These costs should be included in the Financial Proposal. The workshop is scheduled to be held within Metro Manila, with an estimated attendance of 40-50 participants, including individuals from the eight priority provinces and others residing in Metro Manila. These costs should also be considered and included in the Financial Proposal.

# Monitoring, Supervisory and quality check arrangements:

The UNFPA CO Country Representative, Assistant Representative and Gender/GBV Programme Team will work hand in hand to monitor progress of all deliverables and the entire consultancy.

#### Expected travel:

The assignment will commence with virtual sessions for orientation, conceptualization, planning, scheduling, and reviewing relevant literature and desk references. Following this, fieldworks for data collection will be conducted over the next two months. The scheduling of these missions will be based on the availability and preferred dates of both the IP and UNFPA CO Philippines.

Specific dates for the fieldworks must be determined and scheduled immediately upon onboarding. The number of days for the field data collection will be at the discretion of the IP, as long as it does not exceed the first three months of the six-month calendar period allotted for the completion of the study. This time frame allows for adequate time for the next steps which includes the overall data analysis, revisions, finalization of the study, conducting a workshop and developing study materials.

Given that UNFPA will not cover any travel expenses such as airfares, land transportation, daily subsistence allowances, incidentals, etc., for reporting and fieldwork purposes, it's important to ensure that these travel costs are included as part of your Financial Proposal for the study.

# Supervisory Arrangements:

The project will be under the overall management of the UNFPA Country Representative with day-to-day technical backstopping from the Assistant Representative and the National Programme Officer on Gender/GBV. The IP is expected to work closely with the UNFPA Country Office for coordination purposes.

The Management and Programme Team will have frequent interactions with the IP at various stages in order to:

1. Brief the IP and provide clarity on the assignment; the process and the deliverables;

2. Provide key documents relevant to the deliverables; 3. Introduce and facilitate the IP to work with key stakeholders and counterparts if necessary; and 4. Provide feedback and get agreement on the next steps of the assignment. Additional staffing needs to undertake the study including translation / interpretation support, additional research support or other will be the sole responsibility of the IP and costing for such should be accounted for and included in the Financial Proposal. Required expertise, Potential implementing partners may be a research/academic institution, nonqualifications and government organization, research and consulting firms, or a single proprietorship. The implementing partner is expected to put together a research competencies, including language team under its supervision and whose Team Leader must meet the following qualifications. requirements: **Education:** Advanced degree or equivalent in Gender Studies, Development Studies, Social Sciences or any other relevant field of study Knowledge and Experience: At least ten years of experience in working with gender-based violence programme development; Experience in qualitative and quantitative research – relevant experience in conducting research and / or producing situation analyses, and conducting trainings in the areas of gender, and gender-based violence, and / or sexual and reproductive health; Demonstrated understanding of primary responses to GBV within the service delivery network at the local level; In-depth knowledge of national and local evidence regarding effective strategies and interventions for GBV response; Prior national and subnational experience in development of gender-based violence programmes, studies, and research, reports and strategies; Ability to develop strong partnership with the target population and other relevant partners and stakeholders in all levels; Familiarity or knowledge on the local government's context and landscape on GBV: Knowledge or experience in working with the GBV Referral System and Service Network in countries with similar context is an advantage Excellent oral and written English Language skills are required. Inputs / services to UNFPA Philippines will provide a desk and internet for the representatives of the IP be provided by UNFPA when called to report at the country office or implementing partner (e.g support The UNFPA CO Philippines will assist in providing key available reports, databases, services, office, research and other relevant documents that may aid the development of the study. equipment), if applicable: **Proposal Format** Interested and qualified IPs need to submit the following documents using the Proposal Format prescribed in Annex A: Agency/ Organizational Profile A preliminary technical/research proposal Financial proposal The cost should include all travel, board and lodging, DSAs. incidental expenses, consultative meetings, workshops, hiring of research assistants, implementing partner support cost (which should not be more than 12% of the direct programme cost), and other applicable expense items. **TECHNICAL** 1) Assessment of the entity's capacity to deliver the outputs (Agency/Organizational **EVALUATION** Profile) -40% CRITERIA a. Organizational background and experience in the subject matter area (10%) (70%)

- b. Human resources who will be deployed for the study, i.e. number of staff and profile of key staff with educational background, documented years of experience in qualitative and quantitative research and programme development especially in gender/GBV, and number of years they have worked for the particular entity. (10%)
  c. Mechanisms and platforms used by the entity for tracking and reporting on its work (5%)
  - d. Financial management (review of audited financial statements for the past three years of operation) (5%)
  - e. Geographical availability /distribution/ network/ affiliations within the priority areas of the study (5%)
  - f. Reference checking (5%)
  - 2) Assessment of the entity's proposed design and methodology for achieving the outputs (Research Proposal)- 30%
    - a. Relevance, applicability and suitability of proposed design and methodology
    - b. Innovative and strategic approach and its expected effectiveness in delivering the outputs
    - c. Realistic time-line that meets UNFPA's proposed timeframe and expected outputs of the study
    - d. Efficiency of the proposed management arrangements for the conduct of the study
    - e. Appropriateness and soundness of the proposed research methodology
    - f. Integration of survivor-centered, human-rights-based and gender-transformative programming approaches, taking into account the principle of Leaving No One Behind

FINANCIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA (30%) FORMULA:

p = y u/z

Where:

p = points for the financial proposal being evaluated

y = maximum number of points for the financial proposal

u = price of the lowest proposal

z = price of the proposal being evaluated

Other relevant information or special conditions, if any:

Signature of Requesting Officer in Hiring Office:

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Date: 13-May-2024

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Date: 13-May-2024

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Date:<sub>14-May-2024</sub>

**ANNEX B.1**Expected Outputs and Timeframe:

Deliverables	Details	Estimated Number of Days
Literature Review	Comprehensive review of existing literature on GBV social norms and barriers to accessing services in the Philippines	10 days
2. Methodology Development	Detailed methodology for the study, including sampling techniques, data collection methods, and analysis plan.	7 days
3. Data Collection Tools	Design and development of tools for data collection, such as surveys, interview guides, and focus group discussion protocols.	7 days
Deliverable 1:	Payment upon approval of the methodology and data collection tools.	30%
4. Data Collection	Conducting primary data collection from relevant actors including target population, service providers, community leaders, and other key partners.	20 days
5. Data Analysis	Analysis of collected data- both quantitative and qualitative data, using appropriate statistical and analysis techniques to identify key findings and trends.	10 days
6. Draft Report	Preparation of a draft report outlining the study's methodology, findings, conclusions, and recommendations	10 days
Deliverable 2:	Payment upon approval of the draft report	40%
7. Stakeholders Consultation	Presentation of the draft report to key stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and UNFPA representatives, for feedback and input.	5 days
8. Final Report	Incorporation of feedback from stakeholders and finalization of the report, including an executive summary, main report, and annexes.	8 days

9. Presentation of the Study	Presentation of the final study findings to the UNFPA CO Philippines, highlighting key recommendations for action.	5 days
10. Facilitation of an in-person Workshop	Facilitate an in-person workshop for UNFPA and its relevant stakeholders to share the study results, discuss actionable insights, and outline recommended interventions to strengthen GBV Response particularly the Service Delivery Network in the local level.	1 day
11. Development of Informational and Communicative Resource Materials	Development of simplified and user-friendly materials to disseminate study findings and facilitate easy learning to relevant stakeholders at all levels and the general public. These materials will include executive summaries, findings, charts, infographics, and other pertinent information.	7 days
Deliverable 3:	Payment upon approval of the final report and study material	30%
Total:		90 days- 100%