

Prioritisation of sexual and reproductive health and rights in Global Financing Facility country processes: case studies

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. Introduction

Countdown 2030 Europe (C2030E) is a consortium of 15 NGOs in 13 European countries working to hold European donor governments and the European Union (EU) institutions to account for their policy and funding commitments on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), including family planning. The consortium's advocacy efforts are supported by several evidence-gathering activities, including a tracking of European donor spending on SRHR. The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is one of the consortium's partners.

To strengthen the expertise and advocacy capacity of C2030E on the prioritisation of SRHR within the Global Financing Facility (GFF), IPPF, on behalf of C2030E, is looking to engage one or several consultant(s) to **develop a small number of case studies analysing the prioritisation of SRHR and associated best practices and lessons learned in select GFF focus countries.**

2. Background

The GFF is a global financing mechanism for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, and nutrition (RMNCAH+N) hosted at the World Bank. Launched in 2015, it was envisioned as a pathfinder for a new era of financing for development,¹ using grant resources provided by donors to mobilise much larger amounts of funding from the International Development Association (IDA) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), domestic government resources, private sector resources and aligned external donor funding. The GFF is currently active in 36 focus countries, with a total of 67 countries eligible to receive support from the mechanism.²

Multiple GFF strategic and policy documents highlight SRHR as a priority of the mechanism. These include the GFF 2021-2025 Strategy: Protecting, Promoting and Accelerating Health Gains for Women, Children and Adolescents³ and the GFF Roadmap for Advancing Gender Equality,⁴ both released in 2020, the GFF SRHR Acceleration Plan,⁵ released in 2021, as well as the GFF SRHR Approach Paper,⁶ released in 2022.

Yet, in practice, the extent to which SRHR receives focus in GFF implementation is to a large extent dependent on prioritisation processes at country level. Priorities for GFF investments are intended to be identified in investment cases developed by multi-stakeholder country platforms under the leadership of governments.⁷ Focus areas for IDA and IBRD investments are determined in World Bank Project Appraisal Documents.

¹ GFF website, Financing Model: <https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/financing-model>

² See: <https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/where-we-work>

³ Available at: https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/documents/GFF-Strategy-2021-2025.pdf

⁴ Available at: https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/documents/GFF-Roadmap-for-Advancing-Gender-Equality_EN.pdf

⁵ Available at: https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/documents/GFF-Reproductive-Health-Acceleration-Plan-En.pdf

⁶ Available at: https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/documents/GFF-IG14-5-SRHR.pdf

⁷ See Guidance Note: Inclusive Multi-stakeholder Country Platforms in Support of Every Woman Every Child: https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/documents/GFF%20Country%20Platform%20guidance%20note.pdf

Examples of where areas of SRHR have been prioritised in GFF country processes are included in GFF publications, such as its Annual Reports.⁸

3. Scope of work

The consultant(s) will **develop a small number of case studies analysing the prioritisation of SRHR and associated best practices and lessons learned in select GFF focus countries.**

Countries that have been identified as likely focus countries for the case studies are: **Niger, Mozambique, and Ethiopia and/or Burkina Faso.**

The case studies should (i) describe how SRHR has been prioritised in the respective GFF country process, including as reflected in GFF country documents and funding allocations, and (ii) seek to understand and point to the drivers behind the prioritisation of SRHR in the respective country process and associated challenges and lessons learned. They should further reflect upon the possible role that GFF donors can play in supporting prioritisation of SRHR in GFF country processes.

Document review and key informant interviews:

The case studies should be based on a document review and key informant interviews.

The document review should explore existing resources and materials in relation to case study focus countries from sources including the GFF and the World Bank, governments, donors and implementing agencies, NGOs, and relevant journals and databases.

A small number of key informant interviews should be undertaken with country-level stakeholders from case study focus countries (e.g. Ministry of Health representatives; country-level donor or implementing agency representatives; multilateral agency representatives; NGO, CSO and youth-led organisation representatives etc.) as well as others working at global level (e.g. from the GFF and the World Bank) as relevant.

Development of case studies:

Each case study should be approximately five pages in length and include the following:

- (i) Brief overview of GFF process in country and how SRHR has been prioritised
- (ii) Analysis of drivers of prioritisation of SRHR in the GFF country process and associated challenges and lessons learned
- (iii) Recommendations for the prioritisation of SRHR in other GFF country processes

Draft versions of the case studies are to be shared for review and input by C2030E ahead of finalisation. The case studies should be written for publication. However, C2030E will decide at a later point whether to publish the case studies, in the submitted or a modified form, or whether to keep them as internal documents. The case studies must include a clear list of references used.

4. Deliverables and level of effort

- Document review and key informant interviews (+/- 3 days per case study)
- Analysis and development of case studies (+/- 2 days per case study)

Total level of effort: approximately 5 working days per case study

⁸ See, for example, GFF Partnership Annual Report 2021/2022: Advancing Health for Women, Children and Adolescents Amid Overlapping Crises: https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/gff-partnership-annual-report-2021-2022.pdf

5. Profile of consultant(s)

Essential:

- Knowledge and understanding of the GFF as a global mechanism as well as GFF country processes
- Knowledge and understanding of SRHR
- Understanding of health financing, financing for SRHR and broader financing for development discourse
- Excellent, demonstrated research, analytical and report writing skills
- Fluency in English

Desirable:

- Experience working in/on one of the identified case study focus countries (Niger, Mozambique, and Ethiopia and/or Burkina Faso)
- Fluency in French and/or Portuguese

6. Application process

To apply for this consultancy, please send an expression of interest, demonstrating how you meet the above requirements, and briefly detailing how you would plan to carry out this assignment, the estimated duration of the assignment, your times of availability for undertaking the assignment and your daily rate. Your application should also include your CV, including contact details of two referees, a list of any previous publications and research work and a writing sample.

Please note that depending on applicants' profiles and language skills, IPPF will recruit either one or several consultants for the development of the case studies. Please indicate in your application which of the identified focus countries you would be interested in developing a case study on.

Please submit your application to Raffaella Dattler at rdattler@ippf.org.

Deadline for submission is **Friday, 9 June 2023**.

For more on Countdown 2030 Europe: <http://www.countdown2030europe.org>.

For more on the International Planned Parenthood Federation: <http://www.ippf.org>.