



## Call for Evaluation Consultancy – Evaluation Thematic Experts UNFPA Malaysia First Country Programme Evaluation (2022-2025)

### **Background:**

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Its mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. Within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals and the [Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development \(ICPD\)](#), UNFPA is working towards three transformative results: (i) zero preventable maternal deaths; (ii) zero unmet need for family planning; and (iii) zero gender-based violence and harmful practices, including female genital mutilation and child, early and forced marriage.

The UNFPA Malaysia Country Office (CO) is currently implementing the First Country Programme (CP) (2022-2025) with the Government of Malaysia and other partners. The goal of the CP is to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights and accelerate the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, to improve the lives of women, adolescents and youth. In pursuit of this goal, the UNFPA Malaysia CO seeks to achieve results in the following **thematic areas of programming under the CP**: 1) Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; 2) Adolescents and Youth; 3) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment; and 4) Population Dynamics and Data.

### **Purpose, objectives and scope:**

In line with the 2024 UNFPA Evaluation Policy, the UNFPA Malaysia CO is planning to conduct an evaluation of its first CP (2022-2025). The purpose of the Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) is to strengthen accountability to stakeholders, support evidence-based decision-making, and improve learning. The overall objective of the CPE is to provide an independent assessment of the performance of the CP and to broaden the evidence base for the design of the next programme cycle.

The evaluation will cover all interventions in the four thematic areas of the CP, which have been implemented across Malaysia during the programme's period. The thematic areas are described in **section 3 of the terms of reference**. In addition, the evaluation will also cover cross-cutting issues, such as human rights, gender equality, disability, displacement and migration status, and transversal functions, such as coordination, monitoring and evaluation, innovation, resource mobilization, strategic partnerships.

### **Evaluation thematic experts:**

UNFPA Malaysia is seeking to hire **two (2) national consultants** who should demonstrate the qualifications, experience and skills required to serve as technical expert in **at least one of the following thematic areas**, as described in **section 12.1 of the terms of reference**.

**Thematic area: SRHR**

The SRHR expert will provide expertise on integrated sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, including family planning, adolescent pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, maternal health, UHC, climate resilient health systems, health related data systems, healthy ageing. They will contribute to the methodological design of the evaluation and take part in the data collection and analysis work, with overall responsibility of contributions to the evaluation deliverables in their thematic area of expertise. They will provide substantive inputs throughout the evaluation process by contributing to the development of the evaluation methodology, evaluation work plan and agenda for the field phase, participating in meetings with the CPE manager, UNFPA Malaysia CO staff and the ERG. They will undertake a document review and conduct interviews and group discussions with stakeholders, as agreed with the evaluation team leader.

**Thematic area: Adolescents and youth**

The adolescents and youth expert will provide expertise on youth friendly SRHR services, comprehensive sexuality education, adolescent pregnancy, SRHR of young women and adolescent girls, access to contraceptives for young women and adolescent girls and youth leadership and participation. S/he will contribute to the methodological design of the evaluation and take part in the data collection and analysis work, with overall responsibility of contributions to the evaluation deliverables in her/his thematic area of expertise. S/he will provide substantive inputs throughout the evaluation process by contributing to the development of the evaluation methodology, evaluation work plan and agenda for the field phase, participating in meetings with the CPE Manager, UNFPA Malaysia CO staff and the ERG. S/he will undertake a document review and conduct interviews and group discussions with stakeholders, as agreed with the evaluation team leader.

**Thematic area: Gender equality and women's empowerment**

The gender equality and women's empowerment expert will provide expertise on the human rights and LNOB, especially sexual and reproductive rights, the empowerment of women and girls, engagement of men and boys, social and gender norms, excluded populations including people with disabilities and indigenous population groups that are marginalized, youth leadership in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, CSE, as well as addressing GBV and harmful practices, such as female genital mutilation, child, early and forced marriage. They will contribute to the methodological design of the evaluation and take part in the data collection and analysis work, with overall responsibility of contributions to the evaluation deliverables in their thematic area of expertise. They will provide substantive inputs throughout the evaluation process by contributing to the development of the evaluation methodology, evaluation work plan and agenda for the field phase, participating in meetings with the CPE manager, UNFPA Malaysia CO staff and the ERG. They will undertake a document review and conduct interviews and group discussions with stakeholders, as agreed with the evaluation team leader.

**Thematic area: Population dynamics and data**

The population dynamics and data expert will provide expertise on population and development issues, such as census, ageing, migration, the demographic dividend, and national statistical systems. They will contribute to the methodological design of the evaluation and take part in

the data collection and analysis work, with overall responsibility of contributions to the evaluation deliverables in their thematic area of expertise. They will provide substantive inputs throughout the evaluation process by contributing to the development of the evaluation methodology, evaluation work plan and agenda for the field phase, participating in meetings with the CPE manager, UNFPA Malaysia CO staff and the ERG. They will undertake a document review and conduct interviews and group discussions with stakeholders, as agreed with the evaluation team leader and they will have the responsibility to carry out the relevant assurance as it relates to data quality.

In their application, the candidates must clearly indicate the thematic area(s) for which they demonstrate the requested expertise. **Based on their qualifications, experience and skills, the candidates may propose to cover more than one thematic area.**

The evaluation team will conduct the CPE under the supervision of the CPE manager in the UNFPA Malaysia CO from June 2024 – November 2024.

**Please see the attached terms of reference** for more details on the CPE as well as on the required qualifications and experience thematic experts (section 12.2). Section 10 indicates the evaluation timeline and the expected evaluation deliverables are described in section 8.

**How to apply:**

Interested individuals with the required qualifications and experience should submit their application to Shiau Yun Chong (shchong@unfpa.org), with the subject line “Application for CPE consultancy – Team Member”. They must also indicate the **area(s) of thematic expertise** of the CP they can cover (e.g., sexual and reproductive health and rights; adolescents and youth; gender equality and women’s empowerment; or population dynamics).

The application should include:

- A cover letter, indicating the candidate’s motivation for this consultancy as well as relevant expertise and experience.
- An updated copy of the curriculum vitae (CV) and a duly completed [P11 UN Personal History Form](#).
- Names and contact information of three references.
- A recent evaluation report or other type of writing sample in English (from a similar assignment) drafted by the candidate.
- Availability and expected daily rate for consultancy services.

The **closing date** for the submission of applications is **9 May 2024 at 2359 (+8 GMT)**.

Only those candidates who meet all qualifications and experience will be contacted for further consideration. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

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