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OPERATIONAL RESEARCH (OR) ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEANINGFUL INCLUSIVE YOUTH PARTICIPATION (MIYP) IN RHRN2 PROGRAMME IN UGANDA, JULY 2022

1.0 Introduction:

Young people have a fundamental human right to participate in matters that affect their lives. Through active participation, young people are empowered to play a vital role in their own development as well as in that of their communities, helping them to learn vital life-skills, develop knowledge on human rights and promote civic space.

It is known that MIYP can help young people to become active agents and leaders in their communities, taking primary responsibility for making decisions on matters that affect them. MIYP is considered to be a crucial component in many youth SRHR programs. It has positive effects on empowerment and civic engagement of young people; on adult staff and organization's capacity to institutionalize meaningful involvement of young people, and provide youth-sensitive SRHR interventions and achieve program objectives.

RHRN2 coalition partners would like to assess the implementation of MIYP in their activities for year 2022. Findings from this study will assist coalition partners to review planned activities and find ways of giving space to adolescents and youth to actively and meaningfully participate in the implementation of activities, especially those concerning promotion of SRHR information to young people in general. In addition, the study is expected to generate recommendations that promote participation of youth at the decision-making levels.

Meaningful and inclusive youth participation (MIYP):

MIYP is one of the core values being implemented in RHRN2 programme. The programme made commitment to meaningfully include a diverse group of young people in all phases of the programme (development, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation) as well as all programmatic and organizational structures (decision-making bodies, working groups, etc).

A central strategy for MIYP is building a strong and mutually respectful youth-adult partnerships. These YAPs can be formed on multiple levels, for example: ensuring adult staff support young people's activities in the community to reduce backlash from adult gatekeepers; collaboration between adult-led and youth-led organizations; adult-youth leadership models in governance; a professional adult research lead with a team of young co-researchers; etc.

Addressing power dynamics is a critical condition for successful MIYP. It will therefore be part and parcel in all capacity strengthening and value clarification.





RHRN2 Programme

The Right Here Right Now 2 (RHRN2) partnership is created to allow young people in all their diversity to enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in gender-just societies. RHRN2 seeks to unleash the power of youth, to increase public support for young people's SRHR to improve policies and laws and to strengthen civil society. Lobbying and advocacy is the main strategy of RHRN2 programme, supported by mutual capacity strengthening.

The RHRN2 programme focuses on issues and groups such as SRHR information and education and safe abortion, and advocate for the rights of marginalized groups such as girls, young women and young lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people.

The RHRN2 consortium consists of the organizations Rutgers (lead), AMPF, ARROW, Bandu, CHOICE, RHU, and RNW Media. The focus countries of the consortium are Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Tunisia and Uganda.

In Uganda, RHRN2 coalition partners are: RHU (lead consortium), Reach A Hand Uganda (RAHU), The Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Alliance Uganda, The Centre for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHURD), The Uganda Network of young people living with HIV (UNYPA), Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG) and Hope Mbale. All the partners globally are committed to RHRN2 theory of change and are joining forces to fulfil young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

2.0 Purpose of the OR:

The purpose of the OR is to investigating the level/depth of integration of MIYP into RHRN2 programme implementation. Findings from the study are expected to support the planning and promotion of youth participation in the future interventions of RHRN2 programme.

2.0 Objectives of OR consultancy:

- 1) To investigate the operationalization and implementation of Meaningful and inclusive youth participation in RHRN2 programme by coalition partners
- 2) To document lessons, challenges, and areas for improvement
- 3) To make recommendations for promoting MIYP in RHRN2 programme implementation

4.0 Research Questions:

The following are some research questions, the consultant is free to develop others:

- i) How are (diverse) young people involved in RHRN2 programme implementation in Uganda (examples of involvement at different levels e.g decision making, programmatic level, etc)?
- ii) How has the implementation of MIYP by the coalition influenced power dynamics between youth and adults and their organizations?

Sub-questions:

- How has the concept of Meaningful and Inclusive Youth Participation been implemented by coalition partners within different pathways: Pathway 1: SRHR information; Pathway 2: Public support; Pathway 3: Policy Advocacy; Pathway 4: Strengthening civil society & movement building
 - How has power dynamics between young people and adults in RHRN2 programme evolved?
 - How has the implementation of Meaningful and Inclusive Youth Participation by coalition partners influenced RHRN2 programme agendas and strategies?
- iii) What challenges/barriers have you encountered in the implementation of MIYP in RHRN2 programme in Uganda?
 - iv) What are some of the key lessons you would like to share regarding implementation of MIYP in RHRN2 programme in Uganda?
 - v) What needs to be done to strengthen the integration of MIYP in RHRN2 programme or future interventions?

5.0 Scope of the operational research:

The study on the implementation of MIYP in RHRN2 programme will be done across all the 7 coalition partners (RHU, SRHR Alliance, RAHU, UNYPA, CEHURD, SMUG and HOPE Mbale). It is anticipated that the consultant / researcher may be required to do the following:

- i) Review existing RHRN2 reports / documents that have relevant information on the implementation of RHRN2 core values e.g MIYP.
- ii) Conduct key informant interviews (KIIs) among resourceful persons (adults & young people) within the RHRN2 programme about implementation of MIYP.
- iii) Conduct Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) among adults about implementation of MIYP.
- iv) Conduct Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) among young people in the six districts of RHRN2 programme including: Kabarole, Kasese, Kampala, Mbale, Kapchorwa and Kween.

6.0 Methodology:

The study will be conducted using mixed methods especially qualitative methods plus review of documents that have information on the implementation of MIYP in programmes. The research team (consultant & research assistants) will interact with RHRN2 programme implementers and the beneficiaries especially young people.

Generating qualitative data will involve the following:

- Conducting in-depth interviews among key resourceful persons across the coalition partners including: Executive directors of coalition partners/ change makers, Directors of RHRN2 programme, RHRN2 National project coordinator, Project Coordinators and key young people.
- Conducting Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) will be done among selected groups of adults and young people in all diversity (LGBTIQI+; Young women; Youth in general or classified per age category, urban/rural divide; digital access divide). The FGDs will be conducted in the six districts of RHRN2 programme: Kabarole, Kasese, Kampala, Mbale, Kapchorwa and Kween.

More information on the extent of implementation of MIYP in RHRN2 programme, will be gathered through document review.

The research team could also organize a validation workshop (optional) to validate findings from the study. Young people that participated in the study, could be represented in the workshop to verify preliminary findings and young peoples' needs or interests

7.0 Deliverables:

The consulting team is expected to produce the following:

- Inception report including methodologies and tools
- Relevant data
- Draft report for review
- A Presentation of findings to coalition partners and stakeholders of RHRN2 Programme
- Final Operation research report in soft & hard copy

8.0 Timing of consultancy

The OR should be completed by 31st Aug 2022. The total number of days for the OR are estimated to be 33 working days starting from 18th July. The following is a schedule of tasks:

Serial	Task	Timing
1	Submit inception report	3 rd week July 2022
2	Meet with RHU/RHRN2 partners to review inception report	3 rd week July 2022
3	Carry out field work for OR	4 th week July – 1 st week Aug 2022
4	Submit draft report	2 nd week Aug 2022

5	Attend to feedback comments	3 rd week Aug 2022
5	Submit Final report & Summary of findings	4 th week Aug 2022

9.0 Qualifications & Experience of Consultant:

- Holder of a master's degree or above in a relevant discipline (development studies, Social sciences. Reproductive health, Demography, M&E)
- At-least 1 years' experience in conducting studies of youth engagement programmes
- Excellent skills in conducting in-depth interviews / Focus Group Discussions and analysing qualitative results
- Strong knowledge on adolescent and youth participation in civic issues and SRHR programmes
- Excellent analytical and verbal communication skills as well as skilled in writing research reports
- The consultant team leader should be preferably a young experienced researcher (40 years or younger)

10. Liaison of consultant:

The consultant will liaise with RHRN2 National Programme Coordinator (Mr. Sam Mwandara) and RHU M&E Manager (Mr. Lawrence Muhangi).

11. Application Process

Interested persons should submit their technical and financial proposals to RHU Director of Programmes (DOP) at pibembe@rhu.or.ug and cc to Lawrence Muhangi (RHU M&E Manager) at lmuhangi@rhu.or.ug or hand deliver in person to RHU head office, plot 2, Katago Road, Kamwokya by close of business on Friday, 8th July, 2022 before 5:00pm.

RHU will contact eligible persons with whom further discussion is sought.