



### TERMS OF REFERENCE Individual Consultancy

#### **Incorporating the Islamic Perspective on the 'Baseline Survey on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Bangsamoro Core Territory' and on the policy brief based on the report findings**

**OCTOBER 2017 TO NOVEMBER 2017**

#### **Background**

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is supporting the peace-building and development efforts in the Bangsamoro communities through a partnership with the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA). The partnership, signed in 2015 between the leadership of the MILF and UNFPA-Philippines, aims to improve delivery of reproductive health services such as maternal and infant care and family planning to the Bangsamoro areas.

Among the priority interventions under the new partnership is the refurbishing and equipping of part of the existing health center at Camp Darapanan to become a birthing center for women in the community and nearby villages. Health service staff are also trained on Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care and family planning. The clinic serves as a model for rolling out reproductive health services in other Bangsamoro core territories. Prenatal, postnatal and family planning services is also made more accessible to 10 major camps of MILF through an advocacy campaign called "Ligtas Buntis."

To ensure that plans and programs in the Bangsamoro areas are strategic and evidence-based, UNFPA and the BDA commissioned the conduct of a baseline study to determine the current reproductive health situation in the areas. The study is being conducted by the Institute of Bangsamoro Studies (IBS), with the BDA serving as the principal contractee of the engagement.

The results of this baseline report have the potential to contribute to advancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights agenda of the women and girls in the Bangsamoro. It is therefore crucial to ensure that the main findings and key messages of this analysis are given an Islamic perspective in order to promote a wider acceptance of the key messages in the Bangsamoro communities.

#### **Scope of Work**

The research-expert is expected to:

- (1) Write a section on Islamic Perspectives on Reproductive Health as a follow as a section under Introduction**

A section on Islamic Perspectives on Reproductive Health is inserted in the Introduction part of the draft report.

**(2) Incorporate the Islamic perspectives on the identified key messages from the draft baseline study report, to be disseminated to wider audiences in Mindanao.**

- Write the Islamic perspectives on the identified key messages extracted from the draft baseline study report which are in consonance with Islamic teachings (quoting verses on the Qur'an which support this)
- Ensure that a consensus exists between the external author, the Consultant for the packaging of the baseline report, the Bangsamoro Development Agency, and the UNFPA Cotabato Office in relation to the identification and formulation of key messages. This will be accomplished via email, video and phone communication with the key stakeholders. The consultant should expect several rounds of comments and discussions at this stage, for which patience and flexibility will be essential.
- The Islamic perspectives will appear on the policy brief to be prepared by the Consultant for the packaging of the baseline report, which will communicate the findings of the study and key messages. The target audience for this brief is: policy and opinion makers in the ARMM/Mindanao region, and BDA and UNFPA partners within and outside the ARMM. The consultant is expected to produce at least two interim draft versions of the brief for review by the above-mentioned stakeholders. Design of the brief is not included in the tasks of this consultancy.

**Deliverables**

- One section on Islamic Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights on the Introduction part on the baseline study report by 15 November 2017
- Islamic perspectives on the identified key messages from the draft baseline report by 23 November 2017

**Timeframe and fee**

This consultancy is home-based. The consultant will be hired under a BDA individual contract.

The professional fee shall be processed and released in two tranches:

<b>Tranche</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Output/s</b>	<b>Target date of delivery/submission</b>
First tranche	PhP 15,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Islamic Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Islamic perspectives on the identified key messages in the draft baseline report</li> </ul>	Within 1 week after approval of initial draft outputs
Second tranche	PhP 5,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalized section on Islamic perspectives on SRHR</li> <li>• Finalized sections on the Islamic</li> </ul>	Within 1 week after approval and acceptance of final report and policy brief

		perspectives on the policy brief	
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### **Qualifications**

The expert should possess the following qualifications:

1. Islamic scholar
2. Demonstrated experience in communication and editing
3. High level English essential
4. Experiences in communication on matters related to health and population and development an asset
5. Excellent interpersonal skills and flexible attitude

### **Proprietary rights**

Outputs delivered under this consultancy contract will remain the property of UNFPA.

### **How to apply**

Qualified candidates are requested to email a cover letter, and CV to [bangsamorodc11@gmail.com](mailto:bangsamorodc11@gmail.com) or [bda.warda@gmail.com](mailto:bda.warda@gmail.com) on or before **8 November 2017**. In your cover letter, please indicate your relevant experience, availability, estimated number of days to undertake the terms of reference above and your daily rate. Applications submitted without a daily rate will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.