TERMS OF REFERENCE:

Consultant – report on disability inclusive sexual and reproductive health services in West and Central Africa

MSI Reproductive Choices (MSI) is seeking a bi-lingual (French and English speaking) communications consultant to write a report on the work and achievements of the Women’s Integrated Sexual Health (WISH) Programme to support disability inclusive sexual and reproductive health (SRH).

1. Introduction

The Women’s Integrated Sexual Health (WISH) is the UK Government’s flagship programme to scale up its support to integrated sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services in a range of countries across Africa and Asia. To encourage diversity in programme delivery, the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) divided the WISH programme across two commercial ‘Lots’ implemented through different consortium structures as described below. In addition, there is a third commercial contract with a Third-Party Monitor (TPM) responsible for verification of WISH results and capturing learning. The first phase of WISH ran from 2018 to 2022 and the programme has now been extended twice, first to the end of March 2023 and now to the end of March 2024, in the following countries:

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<th>West Africa and DRC (Lot 1)</th>
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<td>Geographical Focus</td>
<td>Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone</td>
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<td>Partners</td>
<td>MSI (prime), IPPF, Options, Ipas, DKT Health, Think Place and Sightsavers</td>
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The WISH programme builds on previous successful initiatives supported by FCDO and others to expand sexual and reproductive health care services, and support countries to achieve their FP2030 commitments. The programme delivers progress towards Universal SRHR Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3.7 and 5.6, by supporting women and their partners to safely plan their pregnancies and improve their sexual and reproductive health. The programme has a specific focus on working to increase access for young people (defined as under 20-year olds), people living in poverty and persons with disabilities – key groups in need of contraceptive choice and SRHR who are traditionally under-represented. Through a combination of supply and demand side interventions, the programme contributes to reductions in global perinatal deaths, unsafe abortions and unplanned pregnancies.

2. Specific Background

The WISH programme delivers across two key areas: social and community acceptance of SRHR and access to key SRHR services, with cross-cutting themes of supporting greater national ownership of sustainable SRHR systems, structures and interventions; equity and “leaving no-one behind”; and the strong use of evidence and learning. The programme is structured around four outputs:

1. By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes.
2. Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences.
i.) **Community/Individual Choice:** Poor and marginalised women and men, and adolescent girls and boys are accessing high quality family planning services and have the knowledge and community support to make informed SRHR decisions.

ii.) **National Ownership:** Sustainable national engagement in changing and/or implementing policies, Government financing, commodity security and public sector SRHR capacity.

iii.) **Access to Services:** Access to quality, voluntary family planning and other sexual and reproductive health services, eliminating barriers for young and marginalised women.

iv.) **Global Goods:** Evidence-based innovations and practice shared globally to increase women's choice and access to SRHR services.

Until March 2023, Leonard Cheshire was the WISH Lot 1 dedicated Disability Inclusion partner organisation and as such, provided technical support and guidance to all WISH Lot 1 partners in order to improve understanding of the numerous challenges experienced by people with disabilities when trying to access SRH information and services and adapt activities so they are more inclusive. Leonard Cheshire developed a range of tools and resources which have been and continue to be used by WISH Lot 1 partners. Since April 2023, Sightsavers has taken over as the WISH consortium Disability Inclusion partner and is continuing Leonard Cheshire’s work.

### 3. Purpose and Objectives of the assignment

The consultant is tasked with researching and writing a 10-page report on “The contributions of the WISH programme to more disability inclusive SRHR in West and Central Africa” (working title).

The report is intended to demonstrate both the successes and impact of the programme and to highlight the need for continued investment in disability inclusion in the region to governmental and non-governmental donors, as well as national governments, civil society stakeholders and regional institutions.

The structure of the report will be discussed and agreed upon between the consultant and MSI, however it is likely to include:

- A short overview of the WISH programme;
- A description of the approaches, tools and resources used by WISH Lot 1 partners with emphasis on consortium collaboration;
- Spotlights and/or case studies on different examples from different countries;
- Recommendations for international donors, national governments, international and national non-governmental organisations, civil society actors, etc.

### 4. Tasks

This assignment will involve the following tasks and the total level of effort (LoE) estimated at up to 14 days.

1) **Briefing with WISH Lot 1 Management Team**

2) **Literature / desk-based review focusing on disability inclusion work under WISH, including:**
   - Programmatic documents including WISH business case and terms of reference, quarterly and annual reports and Powerpoint presentations;
   - Evidence briefs and learning products produced during WISH including Powerpoints and notes from webinars, learning briefs, web articles, media reports etc.

3) **Key informant interviews with WISH Lot 1 partners at country and support office levels.**

4) **Write 1st draft of report:**
   - Develop a first draft of the report and share with partners for feedback.

5) **Consolidate and integrate feedback and prepare 2nd draft of report:**
6) Finalise report and submit to WISH Management Team for approval.

5. Expected activities, responsibility, and outputs

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5. Lines of reporting

The main point of contact for all the work will be Karine Penrose-Theis, WISH Lot 1 Senior Programme Manager, MSI Reproductive Choices: karine.penrose-theis@MSIChoices.org

6. Timeframe

The assignment is for up to 14 days (exact dates to be confirmed but ideally no later than October).

7. Deliverables and Payment schedule

Payments will be made to the consultant based on the number of days worked and the deliverables outlined above.

8. Person Specification

Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate:

- Excellent English verbal and written communications skills and significant, demonstrable experience producing a variety of written materials for different audiences;
- An ability to review large volumes of technical information and summarise them into succinct and easily understandable communications products;
- Knowledge of the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) sector in a global development context;
- Experience in gender and social (in particular disability) inclusion an advantage;
- An ability to work cross-organisationally with a range of different internal and external stakeholders;
- Fluency in French (essential);
- Ability to work and deliver under strict deadlines and under pressure;
- Excellent analytical skills.

9. Application process

In order to apply for this consultancy please send the following documents by 31 August 2023 to karine.penrose-theis@MSIChoices.org:

- an updated CV;
- a cover letter;
- a workplan;
- a financial proposal;
• 2 writing samples;
• details of two references.