Invitation for Proposals (to be issued by UNFPA)

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| UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, an international development agency, invites qualified organizations to submit proposals for **providing a two-year public-private population and community development model for a life-course approach on intergenerational support to mitigate the COVID-19 impact. The final result is to have the model adopted by the participating communities.**  The purpose of the Invitation for Proposals is to identify eligible non-governmental organizations for prospective partnership with UNFPA Thailand Country Office to support achievement of results outlined in the 11th Country Programme (2017-202) or section 1.3 below.  Organizations that wish to participate in this Invitation for Proposals are requested to send their submission through email clearly marked “NGO Invitation for Proposals” at the following address:  UNFPA Thailand Country Office mailing [*thailand.office@unfpa.org*](mailto:thailand.office@unfpa.org)  By **Tuesday,** **7 July 2020**  Proposals received after the date and time may not be accepted for consideration.  Applications must be submitted in English.  Any requests for additional information must be addressed in writing by 30 June, 2020 at the latest to Valeeporn Sinsawasdi, Programme Associate at sinsawasdi@unfpa.org. UNFPA will post responses to queries or clarification requests by any NGO applicants who submitted, on UNFPA Thailand website before the deadline for submission of applications.  UNFPA shall notify applying organizations whether it is considered for further action. |
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| **Section 1: Background** | |
| 1.1 UNFPA mandate | UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. |
| 1.2 UNFPA Programme of Assistance in Thailand | In Thailand, UNFPA works with the government and other partners to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled. The organization’s Strategic Plan (SP), 2018-2021 indicates the following four outcomes focusing on 1) sexual reproductive health and rights, 2) adolescent and youth empowerment, 3) gender equality and women’s empowerment and 4) population data for development. The SP is designed in alignment with 2030 agenda of leaving no one behind. In UNFPA’s vision 2030, three people-centred transformative results are end unmet need for family planning, end preventable maternal deaths, and end gender based violence and harmful practices. Further information on the programme can be found on http://unfpa.org/Thailand |
| 1.3 Specific results | Within this framework and as set out in the 11th Country Programme Document (11th CPD, 2017-2021) working with government and other partners, UNFPA will contribute to achieve the following results:  The on-going 11th CPD aims to reduce 25% of adolescent birth rate by 2021 with two outputs planned to contribute to the result.  Output 1 on youth and adolescents: Strengthened national institutions, systems and enabling environment for promoting youth participation and advancing adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality  Output 2 on population dynamics: Increased use of evidence-based analyses of population issues for the development of equitable, rights based national policies and strategies targeting young people, women and vulnerable populations    For both outputs, young persons are the core target to be developed and invested so that they could become productive capital for the country especially as Thailand is reaching an aged country with 20 per cent of the population over age 60 years in 2021. Two direct output indicators designed to achieve Output 2 on population development including:   1. *Number of national policies and strategies developed on population and development informed by evidence-based analysis that address the needs and rights of young people, women and vulnerable groups* 2. *Number of initiatives for public-private cooperation established and convened by UNFPA, utilizing evidence on demographic dynamics*   The year 2019 marked the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, where 179 governments adopted a landmark Programme of Action which set out to empower women and girls for their sake, and for the benefit of their families, communities and nations. To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind by 2030, there are unfinished business of the ICPD to ensure that no one is not left behind with full access to education and critical health services.  From 12-14 November, 2019 Thailand participated in the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, a high level conference to mobilize the political will and financial commitment to fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action. Thailand’s commitment to the Nairobi Summit are addressed in three related issues below.   * Ensuring that the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Systems provide everyone access to all ***essential health services including sexual and reproductive health***, without financial barrier. * Providing effective multi-sectoral actions to ensure rights-based equitable access to quality comprehensive gender-based violence prevention, care and information services, as well as ***empowering female adolescents*** through continue schooling. * Implementing ***a life-course and inclusive approach towards active and healthy ageing population.*** People beyond 65 years old are considered social assets not burden with more investment needed to keep them healthy and strong. The UHC Systems provides community and family based long term care as well as palliative care for all the frail elderly and those at the last stage of life.   According to the United Nations World Population Prospects 2019, it was found that by 2040 working-age population in Thailand will shrink to 35.2 million, compared to 42.7 million in 2012 which is 7.6 million reductions. On the contrary, the elderly has continually increased. By 2040, the number of elderly will increase to 20.5 million people or 32.1 per cent of total population. This rapid change in population structure will threaten the economic and social stability as the Thai economy basically still rely on labor-intensive sectors rather than capital-intensive, innovative or high technology sectors. The move towards knowledge-based development driven by innovation has been somewhat slow as investment in R&D has yet to be increased.  The 2030 Agenda places great priority on overcoming inequalities and exclusions – building fairer, freer and more caring societies that include everyone, regardless of differences. But this cannot depend on individuals and families alone. It needs the commitment of the public and private sector to support individuals and communities in all their diversity – particularly the poorest and most vulnerable – to provide a good quality of life across the spectrum, beginning at birth itself, for all. In Thailand, people in general are healthier and wealthier than previous generations – but many are still left out, not able to fully exercise their right to a good quality of life. As Thailand undergoes its significant demographic transitions, it will be challenged to fulfil the aspirations and expectations of its diverse population, from young to old.  A report on ‘Population and Development for a Sustainable Future in Thailand: 25 Years after ICPD’ recently launched by UNFPA and collaborators suggests the policy implications of population and development trends in Thailand in the following priority areas:   * Enabling fertility choices throughout the life cycle in an ageing society * Preventing early unions and unplanned pregnancies * Realizing comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and services under the Universal Health Coverage Scheme * Closing the divides in sexual and reproductive health * Fostering women’s empowerment and gender equality by normalize men’s domestic engagement * Responding to changing marriage and family formation trends * Enhancing migration management * Preparing for active ageing though active engagement, lifelong learning and health promotion   Due to COVID-19, Thailand will continue to face socio-economic consequences of COVID-19 for some time with devastating impacts on vulnerable populations. Even though to date the government manages to keep a low number of infected persons and gradually returns to normal operations in phases, the COVID-19 situation impact a large scale of the populations. It is evident that unemployment and loss of livelihood, especially among women and youth are more likely to be in the informal sector, and in those sectors where COVID will have greatest impact - hospitality, travel, entertainment. Many unemployed workers due to closed down of business returned to their residents in the rural area for family and community support. Moreover, older persons become more vulnerable during COVID with limited access to knowledge and information. One-third of older persons continue working to earn their living and another one-third depending on their children’s support. COVID induced poverty has led to more socio-economic vulnerability among older persons which has diminished the country’s aspiration to further support the older persons as asset to promote strong social solidarity.  Private sector including Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) play vital roles to demonstrate how to use evidence-based knowledge and interventions on demographic shift through innovative model implementations, especially on identifying and enhancing local wisdom and intelligence to promote sustainable living with intergenerational support.  The selected NGO should be able to deliver results contributing to UNFPA Country Programme on supporting the public-private partnership community-based model to ensure a life-course intergenerational support could be promoted for active ageing from birth through schooling/educating and working life to old age. The final result of the two year project is for the development model to be adopted and fully owned by the communities.  **Purpose and Interventions**  In accordance to above rationale, a community-based population development model addressing intergenerational support within families and communities will be a crucial intervention to provide lessons learned how to adopt a life-course intergeneration support to ensure sustainable development for all. UNFPA is looking for a NGO to be an implementing partner to implement a two years community-based model to deliver a public-private partnership development at sub-national level. The optimum goal of the public-private community-based development model is to ensure achievements of women, adolescents, and older persons on:   * Health (including sexual and reproductive health), financial, and digital literacy * Equitable quality education and life-long learning for all * Provision of market based skill development   The selected NGO should be able to draw more key actors and change agents to perform the following tasks:   1. *Act as an implementing agency to deliver a community-based population development model addressing rights-based intergenerational support within families and communities*  * Select 3-4 communities to develop the community-based intergenerational family support model(s). The selection criteria of the sites will include the likelihood of project sustainability after the two years of project implementation, the socio-economic nature of the sites (low socio-economic status is preferred) and the possibility to replicate the project in other areas in later years. The community-based model could also consider the environment factors to make it a comprehensive community development model. * Conduct a need assessment to analyze opportunities and gaps to provide evidence for a demand-driven model development ensuring its ability to enhance capacity and livelihood of most vulnerable populations including, but not limited to women, young people, and older persons. The assessment will suggest key obstacles that prevent intergenerational support in terms of financial and social intelligence transfer among generations. * Based on results of the need assessment, develop a community-based model to strengthen intergenerational family and community support by engaging individuals and leaders/change agents to ensure social protection, life-long learning, economic wellbeing, financial and digital literacy, and livelihood of individuals, families, and communities as a whole could be met. * Implement the model with engagement of change agents and catalysts to promote learning and exchanges on the life-course intergenerational support model. Key actors to be involved for their inclusive participation include, but are not limited to, community leaders and authorities and decision makers from schools, health stations, temples or local women occupational groups. * With potential support of private sector, develop financial and digital literacy interventions to enhance local wisdom and develop innovations to ensure long term financial security for individuals, families, and communities through a life-course financial planning and management. * Develop and experiment community-based innovations to increase voices and inclusive participation of vulnerable people in the community as well as their ability to sustain a better life-course development, including, but not limited to, preventing unplanned pregnancies, investing in human capital, and life-long learning which would result in sustainable income or productive employment throughout a life-course. * Take proper considerations and adopt measures and responses by following WHO and Ministry of Public Health’s recommendations on the COVID-19 response when implementing the project with community engagement. * Establish a monitoring and evaluation system to track development and changes made by the model.  1. *Act as a facilitator and advocate among partners including local organizations, CSOs, local groups, and private sector*  * Liaison between public and private agencies and external partners to ensure effective management and arrangement of project implementation. To achieve inclusive participation, the community units to be involved in the project may include various relevant stakeholders such as schools, health stations, temples, and community leaders. * Advocate and make the model development known to the public through various communication channels. * Coordinate involvement of the private partners to develop and implement the local public-private partnership initiative * Seek financial sustainability of the project with innovative approach   With the above key interventions, the following deliverables and results are expected:  ***Results:*** By the end of the two-year project in mid-2022   1. A community-based model on intergenerational family support reflecting a public and private collaboration is developed. 2. Assessment of the initiative e.g., the numbers of beneficiaries and how the project affect their sustainable living and/or intergenerational support throughout a life-course.   ***Deliverables:***  *Year 1*   1. Resources, both in kind and in cash, contributed by local authorities 2. The implementation of a community-based model of intergenerational family support engaging public and private sector   *Year 2*   1. Results and lessons learned documented to aid replication in other areas. 2. Commitment from local authorities to continue or further improve the project |

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| **Section 2: Application requirements and timelines** | | |
| 2.1 Documentation required for the submission | The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:   * Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Thailand [*Required to be eligible for review]* * Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Thailand (for international NGOs) * Attachment I – NGO Profile and Programme Proposal * Latest annual report and audit report as separate documents or hyperlink to the documents | |
| 2.2 Indicative timelines | Invitation for Proposal issue date | 24 Jun 2020 |
| **Deadline for submissions of proposals** | **7 Jul 2020** |
| Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications | 30 Jun 2020 |
| Review of NGO submissions | 10 Jul 2020 |
| Notification of results communicated to NGO | 17 Jul 2020 |

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| **Section 3: Process and timelines** | | |
| 3.1 Review & evaluation of NGO submissions | Applications will be assessed by a review panel to identify organizations that have the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to support achievement of results *using criteria outlined in section 3.2 below*.  It should be noted, however, that participation in this Invitation for Proposals does not guarantee the organization will be selected for partnership with UNFPA. Selected NGOs will be invited to enter into an implementing partner agreement and applicable UNFPA programme policy and procedures will apply. | |
| 3.2 Selection criteria | Eligible organizations will be selected in a transparent and competitive manner, based on their capacity to ensure the highest quality of service, including the ability to apply innovative strategies to meet programme priorities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.  UNFPA Thailand Country Office will review evidence provided by the NGO submission and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:  NB: Any proposal not submitted in specified working language will be excluded from consideration. | |
| Governance & Leadership | * The organization has a clearly defined mission and goals that reflect the organization’s structure and context, as well as alignment to UNFPA priority areas. * Organization does not have a history of fraud, complaints or service delivery issues. |
| Human Resource | * Organization has sufficient staff resources and technical expertise to implement the proposed activities. * Organization does not have conflicts of interest with UNFPA or its personnel that cannot be effectively mitigated. |
|  | Comparative Advantage | * The organization’s mission and/or strategic plan focuses on at least one of the UNFPA’s programme areas. * The organization has experience in the country or field and enjoys prominence in areas related to UNFPA’s mandate. * The organization has a proven track record in implementing similar activities and is seen as credible by its stakeholders and partners. * The organization has relevant community presence and ability to reach the target audience; especially vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas. |
|  | Monitoring | * The organization has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data |
|  | Partnerships | * The organization has established partnerships with the government and other relevant local, international and private sector entities. |
|  | Environmental Considerations | * The organization has established policies or practices to reduce the environmental impact of its activities. If no policies exist, the organization must not have a history of its activities causing negative impact to the environment. |
| 3.3 Prospective partnership agreement | UNFPA will inform all applicants of the outcome of their submissions in writing to the email/ postal address indicated in the NGO submission. | |

Attachment I: NGO Profile and Programme Proposal (To be completed by NGO submitting proposal)

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| The purpose of this proposal is to provide the following information: a) overview of the NGO, b) an outline of the activities the NGO is proposing to partner with UNFPA and c) provide UNFPA with sufficient evidence to show it meets the criteria outlined in section 3.2 of the IFP.  Information provided in this form will be used to inform the review and evaluation of NGO submissions as outlined in the Invitation for Proposals. |

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| **Section A. NGO Identification** | | |
| A.1 Organization information | Organization name |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |
| A.2 Contact information | Name |  |
| Title/Function |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| A.3 Conflict of interest statement | To your knowledge, do any staff members of your organization have personal or financial relationships with any staff of UNFPA, or any other conflicts of interest with this programme or UNFPA? If so, please explain. |  |
| A.4. Fraud statement | Does your organization have fraud prevention policies and practices in place? |  |

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| Section B. Overview of the organization |

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| B.1 Annual budget | Size of annual budget (previous year, USD) |  |
| Source of funding | *Outline funding base, including local, international, and private sector donors* |
| Main funding partners/ donors |  |
| B.2 Staff capacity | *List of number and key functions of core organization staff* | |

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| B.3 NGO mandate and background | *Outline the organization’s mandate and field of work, and how it aligns to UNFPA’s mandate.* |
| B.4 Available expertise and specialists | *Outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organization to achieve results in the proposed programmatic area* |
| B.5 Experience in proposed area of work | *Outline of type/scope and key results achieved in proposed programmatic area in recent years, including any recognition received at local / global level for the work in the proposed area. Include a summary experience in Thailand and prior experience with any organization of the United Nations* |
| B.6 Knowledge of the local context/ Accessibility to target population | *Outline of presence and community relations in the location(s) the activities will be implemented in: include access to vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas, if any)* |
| B.7 Credibility | *To what extent is the NGO recognized as credible by the government, and/or other key stakeholders/partners?* |
| B.8 Monitoring | *Outline the systems in place (policies, procedures, guidelines, and other tools) that systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data* |

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| Section C. Proposal overview | |
| C.1 Programme title |  |
| C.2 Results to which the programme contributes | *Refer to Section 1.3 of the Invitation for Proposal* |
| C.3 Proposed programme duration | *From MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY* |
| C.4 Proposed Programme budget | *Please attached budget details to implement this programme* |
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| Section D. Proposed interventions and activities to achieve intended results | |
| D.1 Programme Summary | *This section should provide a brief summary of the programme.*  *It should include a problem statement, the context and the rationale for the Programme:*   * *Overview of the existing problem;* * *How the problem is linked to global/regional/national priorities and policies; and* * *The relevance of the programme in addressing problem identified* |
| D.2 Organizational background and capacity to implement | *This section should briefly explain why the proposing organization has the experience, capacity and commitment to successfully implement the workplan.* |
| D.3 Expected results | *“What” this programme will achieve - programme objectives and expected results* |
| D.4 Description of activities and budget | *This section includes a detailed description of budgeted activities to be undertaken to produce the expected results. Clear linkages between activities and results must be indicated. The applicant should include a separate excel spreadsheet with full details of activities and associated budget.* |
| D.5 Gender, Equity and Sustainability (optional) | *Explain briefly the practical measures taken in the programme to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations* |
| D.6 Environmental impact | *Outline the likely environmental impact of the programme, if any.* |
| D.7 Other partners involved | *This section outlines other partners who have a role in programme implementation, including potential sub-contractees and other organization providing technical and financial support for the programme* |
| D.8 NGO contribution | *This section briefly outlines the partner specific contribution to the programme (monetary or in-kind)* |
| D.9 Additional documentation | *Additional documentation can be mentioned here for reference* |

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| Section E. Programme Risks and Monitoring | |
| E.1 Risks | *Identify major risk factors that could result in the proposed activities not being successfully implemented and any key assumptions on which the proposed intervention is based. Include any actions the organization will undertake to address/reduce identified risk(s).* |
| E.2 Monitoring | *This section briefly outlines the monitoring activities* |

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| Section F. References | |
| Please provide 3 references to support your proposal. Include name, title, contact information and brief summary of relationship. | |
| Reference 1: |  |
| Reference 2: |  |
| Reference 3: |  |