



TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE STUDY TO EXPLORE THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN KAMPALA, UGANDA.

1. ABOUT THE SRHR ALLIANCE UGANDA

The Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance Uganda (SRHR-AU) is a consortium of eight organizations dedicated to advocating for and promoting the SRHR of young people, especially vulnerable and marginalized groups such as adolescent girls and young women, young people living with HIV/AIDS, those in emergency settings, young people with disabilities, and key populations. The Alliance's mission is to ensure equitable access to high-quality, youth-friendly SRHR services and information in a supportive and enabling environment. SRHR-AU works to empower these groups to claim and exercise their rights without violence or impediment. The organization also engages extensively with Members of Parliament (MPs) and other stakeholders to create a legislative framework that supports comprehensive SRHR programming.

2. BACKGROUND TO THE ASSIGNMENT

Uganda is one of the countries that continue to perform poorly on most SRHR indicators, having one of the highest fertility rates in Sub-Saharan Africa at 5.4 children for every woman of childbearing age among others. While the country has put in place frameworks and strategies to address issues such as teenage pregnancies, child marriages, and SGBV, upholding the SRHR of marginalized groups such as adolescents and young women is increasingly getting challenging due to the rising climate related issues.

Uganda, with its predominantly youthful population, is increasingly grappling with the dual challenges of climate change and unmet sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). As a low-income country that relies heavily on rain-fed agriculture, Uganda is particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including rising temperatures, erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged droughts, floods, and landslides. These environmental disruptions go beyond ecological concerns they are profoundly social, amplifying existing inequalities and disproportionately affecting women, girls, and other marginalized groups.

Emerging evidence underscores climate change as a significant threat multiplier that exacerbates vulnerabilities in SRHR. Disruptions to food systems, forced displacement, and the destruction of critical infrastructure, including health facilities, as a result of extreme weather events, all contribute to reduced access to essential SRHR services. Adolescent girls and young women are especially at risk, facing increased incidences of early and forced marriage, transactional sex,

unintended pregnancies, and gender-based violence, often within the context of climate-induced poverty and instability.

Despite Uganda's national commitments to improving Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and addressing climate change, there remains a critical knowledge gap around how these issues intersect particularly for young people in all their diversity. Prevailing gender norms, inadequate health systems, and widespread socio-economic inequality continue to marginalize young people especially those in rural areas, refugee settlements, or with disabilities hindering their access to comprehensive SRHR information and services during climate-related crises.

This research aims to explore the interlinkages between climate change and SRHR for young people in Uganda using an intersectional lens. The findings will inform more inclusive, responsive, and evidence-based policy and programmatic interventions that address the compounded vulnerabilities experienced by adolescents and young adults particularly girls and young women in the face of a changing climate.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS CONSULTANCY

The purpose of this consultancy is to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the intersection between climate change and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) among young people in Uganda, with a particular focus on adolescent girls and young women. Using an intersectional approach, the consultancy will examine how climate-induced challenges exacerbate existing SRHR vulnerabilities among marginalized groups, including adolescents and young people in their diversity.

The consultant will be expected to review the relevant literature, engage with key stakeholders, collect qualitative and/or quantitative data, and synthesize findings into actionable recommendations.

The goal is to generate evidence that informs inclusive, responsive, and gender-sensitive policy and programmatic interventions that safeguard the SRHR of young people in Uganda amidst the current climate change aspects.

4. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The overall objective of the study is to explore the intersection between climate change and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for young people in Uganda.

Through this research, we seek:

1. To assess how climate change-related disruptions affect access to and utilization of SRHR information and services for young people in marginalized communities within Kampala.
2. To understand how climate induced poverty and insecurity influence/ affect young people's SRHR in Kampala

3. To highlight gaps within the SRHR programming for the SRHR Alliance and its partners and make recommendations on how to integrate climate change into SRHR programs,
4. To provide recommendations for policy advocacy towards support of SRHR needs of adolescents and young people during climate-related emergencies.

5. METHODOLOGY

The consultant is expected to employ a mixed methodology while conducting the assignment.

6. SCOPE OF WORK

The main activities to be undertaken during the assignment will include but not limited to the following.

- i) **Inception Meeting:** Participate in an initial planning session with SRHR-AU to review the study objectives, clarify expectations, and agree on deliverables. This meeting will lead to the development of a detailed inception report consisting of work plans, data collection tools and how the study will be conducted.
- ii) **Literature Review:** Conduct an in-depth review of relevant literature that examines the relationship between climate change and SRHR, particularly among youth populations in Uganda and similar contexts. The review will identify knowledge gaps and inform the study's design.
- iii) **Data Collection and Analysis:** Employ the mixed methodology during both data collection and analysis in relation to the target population under study.
- iv) **Report Writing:** Prepare a detailed report that synthesizes key findings, presents disaggregated data, and offers practical, evidence-based recommendations. The report will be structured to inform strategic advocacy, program adaptation, and policy engagement at national and sub-national levels.
- v) **Validation and dissemination of study Findings:** Present the research findings during a validation and dissemination workshops to SRHR-AU team and key stakeholders.
- vi) **Final report submission:** Submission of the final report with feedback from the validation workshop integrated to ensure the study results are relevant, accurate, and actionable.

7. KEY DELIVERABLES

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

- i) **Inception Report:** Submit a detailed inception report to the client clearly detailing the consultant's understanding of the assignment and execution plans.
- ii) **Draft Report and Validation of study findings:** A comprehensive analysis of the study exploring the intersection of climate change and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for young people in Uganda clearly indicating the findings from the study.
- iii) **Dissemination of study findings:** Presentation of the findings and recommendations to the SRHR Alliance and key stakeholders.
- iv) **Final Study Report:** Submission of a final report incorporating feedback from the validation workshop.

v) **Raw data set.**

8. SKILLS AND COMPETENCE

The consultant should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Advanced degree in Gender Studies, Climate change, Public Health, Population and Reproductive Health, Monitoring and Evaluation or a related field with a specialization in SRHR or public policy.
- Proven experience of 8 years in monitoring and evaluation of SRHR and Climate change programs.
- Demonstrated expertise in conducting research on multi-component approaches in health and climate change sectors.
- Strong understanding of youth SRHR issues and Climate change in Uganda, including challenges faced by vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- A strong track record in advocacy and policy reform, preferably with experience on SRHR aspects for multi partnerships.
- Proven research skills with expertise in qualitative and quantitative methodologies.
- Excellent analytical, writing, and communication skills.
- Experience working with NGOs or consortiums in the East African region is an asset.

9. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested individuals or consultancy firms should submit:

- A technical proposal and financial proposal with a maximum of 10 pages.
- Updated CV(s) or resume(s) highlighting relevant experience and qualifications.
- A sample report of similar work conducted within a period of 5 years.

10. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications should be submitted via email to procurement@srhrallianceug.org with the subject line: *"THE STUDY TO EXPLORE THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE & SRHR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN KAMPALA, UGANDA"*

All applications must be submitted not later than the **5th September 2025**.

11. REPORTING LINE MANAGER

The study Consultant will be supervised by the MERL Coordinator.

12. DURATION AND TIMELINES.

The consultancy is expected to be completed within **30** working days from the date of signing the contract. A detailed timeline will be agreed upon during the inception meeting.

We thank you in advance for understanding that only short-listed consultants/firms will be contacted for the next steps in the application process.