TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE RFSU PROJECT ON ENABLING LEGAL ENVIRONMENT ON SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

1.0 BACKGROUND

KELIN is a human rights NGO working to protect and promote health-related human rights in Kenya. We do this by: providing legal services and support, training professionals on human rights, engaging in advocacy campaigns that promote awareness of human rights issues, conducting research, and influencing policy that promotes evidence-based change.

KELIN with funding from RFSU has been implementing a project ‘To contribute to an enabling legal environment for the realization of reproductive health and rights in Kenya’. KELIN intends to evaluate the performance of the project at the midline of the implementation period and is seeking the services of a qualified and experienced project evaluator.

2.0 PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the assignment is to assess the progress of the project against stated outputs as of midpoint (June 2020); identify and highlight issues and challenges affecting effective and efficient implementation of outputs and their contribution to project outcomes and impact; and make recommendations that would facilitate smooth and effective project implementation over the remaining period.

The recommendations arising from this review will pave way for improved project delivery for the remaining project duration and propose amendments (if any) required in project design, implementation arrangements and/or institutional linkages in order to effectively and sustainably contribute to improvement of the legal environment for the provision and access to safe and legal abortion in Kenya.

The specific purpose of this mid-term evaluation is to examine the program performance against the planed results:

a) To determine the appropriateness, relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the project;
b) To assess the quality and comprehensiveness of the program design and implementation;
c) To document lessons learned, success stories, case studies and the perceived, real as well as unmet needs;
d) Generate data and information for subsequent interventions.
3.0 SCOPE
Provisionally, the mid-term evaluation will cover nationally on specific interventions related to the project and in 4 counties (Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu and Homa Bay). The assessment will be conducted in the project areas and will include both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Key evaluation questions will be formulated using the project objectives and indicators, and project quality parameters.

4.0 METHODOLOGY
The evaluation design will include participatory evaluation methods and employ a mixed approach with both qualitative and quantitative methods. The consultants will be required to submit a detailed draft evaluation design and methodology which will be reviewed and finalized with the effort of the program personnel.

5.0 DELIVERABLES
a) A detailed evaluation design, including methodology, work plan and timeframe;
b) Inception report;
c) A draft report incorporating feedback from the debriefing sessions;
d) A final report incorporating feedback on the draft report (one bound hard copy & electronic copy).

6.0 TIMEFRAME
This evaluation is expected to be completed in 25 working days including inception report, desk review, field assessment and report writing. The first draft report will be expected within 10 days after the virtual data collection is completed. A final version should be submitted within five days of receiving feedback on the first draft.

7.0 MANAGEMENT
a) The consultancy will be guided, managed and technically advised by the M&E Advisor and Programme Officer-SRHR;
b) The consultancy is technically and administratively fully accountable to KELIN;
c) Specific areas for the mid-term evaluation will be selected in consultation with KELIN;
d) Field travel arrangements and virtual meetings and immediate supervision will be carried out by KELIN in their respective areas of operation.

8.0 QUALIFICATIONS
The evaluation individual/team will need to have vast experience in conducting evaluations and knowledge in the reproductive health sector.

9.0 CONSULTANTS PROFILE
a) Advanced Degree in one of the following: Statistics, Development studies, Social Sciences, Agriculture or other relevant related fields
b) At least 4 years relevant experience in conducting evaluations
c) Experience in carrying out two or more major evaluations for a major donor, National NGO, international NGO, or international organization.
d) General familiarity with the political and health related context in Kenya, particularly over the past 5 years
e) Develop innovative evaluation methodologies in context of COVID-19
f) Extensive practical experience in implementing activities aimed at enabling legal environment for health-sexual reproductive health;
g) Female consultants are encouraged to apply.

10.0 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Send resume/profile, a detailed technical proposal on how to conduct the mid-term evaluation outlining the consultants understanding of this task, proposed methodology, work plan and budget before application deadline 25th June 2020 to info@kelinkenya.org and copy lkroeger@kelinkenya.org

Female candidates are encouraged to apply.