



Securing Educational Rights of Vulnerable Students in COVID-19 Era [SERVE III] Project

CONSULTANCY CONTRACT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Development of a Framework for Teenage Pregnancy Data Harmonization

1.0 Background

Eduwatch in partnership with STAR Ghana Foundation is implementing phase 3 of the Securing Educational Rights of Vulnerable Students in COVID-19 Era (SERVE III) project, aimed among others at facilitating the harmonisation of teenage pregnancy data between the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Ministry of Health (MoH). The MoH reports an annual teenage pregnancy rate of 110,000 while the MoE reports an annual rate of 5,000. The huge disparity in teenage pregnancy data reported annually by the two ministries has been identified as a major challenge in the fight against teenage pregnancy, particularly resource allocation.

As part of the implementation process of the SERVE III project, Eduwatch wishes to engage the services of a consultant to develop a Framework For Teenage Pregnancy Data Harmonization. Upon completion, the framework will be adopted by the Ministries of Education and Health to serve as guide on the short-to-medium and long term approach to harmonize teenage pregnancy reporting systems between the Ghana Education Service (GES) and Ghana Health Service (GHS) for evidence based planning and budgeting, in support of an effective girls re-entry campaign.

2.0 Objective of the Assignment

The objective of this assignment is to develop a Framework For Teenage Pregnancy Data Harmonization between MoE and MoH.

3.0 Scope of Work and Technical Requirements

1. The Consultant is expected to develop a Framework for Teenage Pregnancy Data Harmonization between the Ministries of Education and Health, taking into cognisance the current variation that exists in the data presented by the two agencies.
2. The consultant should interview Key Informants at the data sections of the MoE and GHS to inform the framework.

Specifically, the framework must:

- a) provide an approach for capturing teenage pregnancy data to include both in-school (public and private) and out-of-school cases. This must include an approach to redefine and revise the age brackets for capturing teenage pregnancy data according to best practices, and formulate a guiding concept on age range to ensure data captured is comprehensive and accurate.
- b) define how data would be disaggregated to be useful to the two agencies. This must include how data collected by MoE/GES and GHS will be merged to identify gaps/duplication and ensure synergy and accuracy.
- c) provide short-to-medium and long term approaches to harmonize teenage pregnancy data for policy planning and resource allocation.

4.0 Assignment Time-frame

The assignment shall commence by 3rd March 2023 for a maximum of 10 days.

5.0 Qualifications

1. An advanced University degree in education, development studies or other equivalent qualification.
2. Knowledge and understanding of girls' education in Ghana.
3. Documented experience in developing education policy framework.

6.0 Bidding Process

Eduwatch invites interested consultants to submit a letter indicating Expression of Interest, their CVs containing evidence of similar assignments undertaken and a budget for the assignment to info@africaeducationwatch.org no later than 28th February, 2023. The subject of the email should read: ToR for Teenage Pregnancy Data Harmonisation.