TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy to provide advocacy/policy capacity on SRHR for CARE UK in run up to UK hosted global summit on family planning in July 2017

Background to the role
CARE International supports partners and programmes that do extensive work to support women’s sexual and reproductive health rights around the world. CARE’s approach to SRHR programming and advocacy prioritises the rights of women and girls to reproductive self-determination and access to the information services and supplies they need to exercise those rights, no matter where they are.

It is a huge part of our programming work in COs and CMPs around the world and a priority for global advocacy. CARE USA leads this work for CARE globally both programmatically and in terms of advocacy through the roles of Christine Galavotti and Christina Wegs.

Family Planning and SRHR are a priority focus for DFID and this year in July the UK government with the Gates Foundation will host a global summit on Family Planning in the UK. Whilst CARE UK does not focus on SRHR for our advocacy we do relate closely w DFID on behalf of CARE USA and the wider confederation to inform their thinking and identify opportunities for collaboration and joint programming, especially through the role of Rebecca Kadritzke and the Strategic Partnerships team.

CARE UK Advocacy and Policy team have agreed to support strategic engagement and advocacy around the Family Planning summit with additional capacity provided through an interim consultant.

Objectives for the role
1. Work w Global Advocacy Lead on SRHR and CARE Director of SRHR to provide UK support to the global participation of CARE offices and members, and partners towards the summit (coordinated by the Global Advocacy Lead).
2. Ensure CARE is a supportive ally in working with DFID and Gates to shape the aims, objectives and outcomes or the Family Planning Summit, with a focus on the rights of women and girls to reproductive self-determination and access to the information, services and supplies they need to exercise those rights, no matter where they are.
3. Act as a focal point to work w CARE advocacy and comms colleagues to help develop an advocacy and communications strategy for the meeting, and help identify opportunities to get partners and key representatives on issues in front of press.
4. Take forward CARE priorities for the conference on:
   a. Ensuring women’s and girls’ meaningful participation in decision-making about FP policies and programs at all levels
   b. Ensuring FP monitoring and accountability mechanisms capture women’s and girls’ voices and experiences and systematically monitor rights as well as health outcomes
   c. Ensuring equitable access to comprehensive SRH services for women and girls, including in fragile- and crisis-affected settings
5. Support UK side of publication and dissemination strategy for CARE report and advocacy briefing around the summit.
6. Work with the Global Advocacy Lead on SRHR to use the CI wide engagement around the summit to support development of the global advocacy strategy on SRHR and follow-up advocacy after the summit.
Activities

- Participation in UK steering meetings organising the conference
- Convenering and facilitating cross-CARE team coordination around input and priorities for the conference
- Strengthening CARE relationships w DFID and Gates in the UK on SRHR and family planning by identifying key teams, staff in DFID and feeding that information back to CARE
- Organising where relevant: participation by partners/ local SRHR advocates; side events; additional meetings; lobbying meetings; report launches etc.

Skills & Competencies

Required:

- Extensive knowledge, understanding and experience working on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Family Planning services at an international policy level
- Well networked on SRHR issues with a large contacts database and existing relationships with DFID, Gates and key actors in SRHR including at national level.
- Experience of advocacy and policy work within the international development sector
- Experience of working with a large International NGO or similar global structure and working with colleagues across different offices, member agencies and cultural contexts.
- Experience of strategic coordination and event management, working on a large global event, summit or conference to achieve demonstrable outcomes.
- Strong writing skills and experience of producing written material for a range of audiences including comms and media.

Ideal:

- Knowledge and understanding of challenges to achieving CARE’s priorities for the conference particularly on:
  - Women’s participation in decision-making around SRHR
  - Monitoring rights not just health outcomes
  - Provision of SRHR in fragile and emergency contexts.

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