



The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the world's largest international source of population assistance. UNFPA provides support to improve health through reproductive health and maternal health services, to achieve gender equality and to formulate/implement population policies and strategies in support of sustainable development. UNFPA has two main programme components: 1) Population and Development; and 2) Reproductive Health. Both programme components are designed to promote gender equality.

Invitation for Tender

Proposal for UNFPA Fourth Country Programme (2007-2011) Evaluation

The Country Programme (CP4) evaluation aims to capture and demonstrate UNFPA's CP4 achievements against its objectives and contributions to larger development results at the country level such as UNDAF and NSEDP as well as the UNFPA Strategic Plan (2008-2013). At the same time, the CP4 evaluation will generate recommendations for the direction and focus of UNFPA's next CP in Lao PDR as well as for the remainder of CP4.

The CP4 evaluation will be conducted in collaboration with the Lao Government through its UNFPA CP coordination mechanism, chaired by the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Planning and Investment, with a view to contributing to the preparation of the new country programme and new UNDAF starting from 2012.

CP4 has two programme components, Population and Development (PD) and Reproductive Health (RH) and aims to contribute to two outcomes: 1) Enhanced ownership and capacity of stakeholders in pro-poor law and policy dissemination, planning, implementation and monitoring, and harmonized aid coordination in the areas of reproductive health and gender; and 2) Improved utilization of high-quality equitable reproductive health services focusing on poor, rural and vulnerable populations. One intervention under the PD component is specifically designed to strengthen gender mainstreaming machinery, but all interventions are expected to include measures to ensure gender equality. There are 3 and 4 outputs respectively in the PD and RH components.

The timeframe and responsibilities for the evaluation process are tentatively as follows:

Activity	Responsible	Estimated timeframe
Advertisement	CO	Between 11 June - 2 July 2010
Selection of the evaluation team	CO with support from APRO	By 23 July 2010
Briefing of evaluators	CO	By 30 July 2010
Finalization of evaluation design and methods and preparing the inception report	Evaluation team, CO, DIC/IPs, APRO	By beginning August 2010
In-country evaluation	Evaluation team	Between 9 - 27 August. 2010
Submission of the first draft	Evaluation team	By 31 Aug 2010
Stakeholder meeting and review of the draft report	CO, DIC, APRO	By 16 Sept 2010
Submission of the final draft	Evaluation team	End Sept 2010
Endorsement of the final report	DIC	By mid Oct. 2010
Dissemination	CO and DIC	End of Oct 2010

Please contact UNFPA office at laos.office@unfpa.org to obtain the ToR of the CP4 evaluation. Reference documents will be posted on UNFPA Lao web site <http://countryoffice.unfpa.org/lao/>

Proposal should include the methodology, team composition and members' role, time frame, and consultancy fee. Consultancy fee including per diem should not exceed \$50,000 USD.

All interested applicants must submit an application letter and proposal with a UN standard personal history form, P11, in English to UNFPA Office, Phonesavanh Tai, P.O. Box 345, Vientiane (Tel: 315547, 353048, 353049, 353050) or e-mail to: laos.office@unfpa.org indicating "**Application for Evaluation of UNFPA Lao PDR Fourth Country Programme**". Please contact UNFPA office to obtain P11 form or download from www.unfpa.org. The deadline for application is **2 July 2010**.

We will only be able to respond to those applicants in whom UNFPA has a further interest. UNFPA reserves the right to appoint prior to the closing date. UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.

Notice: There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process.