



## Terms of Reference

### **Establishing Young People with Disabilities advocacy group for adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRHR)**

#### **Background**

According to the World Health Organization (2011), there are 1 billion people globally living with disabilities. Among them, an estimated 93-150 million are under the age of 18. In China, according to the national census 2006, 6.3% of the population are living with disabilities. According to National Bureau of Statistics (2010), there are 8 million people aged between 10-19 living with disabilities in China.

Although China has made significant progress to address the equal opportunities, rights and services for people living with disabilities, there are still some areas left behind. For example, Young people with disabilities are faced with major challenges on the issues that relate to their personal development- their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

According to a research conducted by Shanghai Institute for Planned Parenthood Research (2018), 75% of the surveyed Young people with disabilities aged between 12-24 think that everyone has needs for SRHR services and information, regardless of their disability status. 25% of the surveyed Young people with disabilities aged between 15-24 are open to sex before marriage. There are about 10% 15-24 years old surveyed Young people with disabilities have had sex already while only 50% used any method to protect unwanted pregnancies, STIs and HIV.

Youth participation and leadership is one of the solutions to address the severe challenges 3faced by Young people with disabilities. Only that Young people with disabilities have actively participated in the policy dialogues and communicated their needs to stakeholders, can effective interventions been developed to improve the status quo.

Previously, UNFPA has supported the establishment of China Youth Network, a national network that advocates for ASRHR in China. In UNFPA's 8<sup>th</sup> Country Program, it is identified that building inclusive youth participation platform as one of the priorities for UNFPA China. To ensure marginalized young people, including Young people with disabilities to have their voices being heard, UNFPA China is planning the consultancy project to establish a Young people with disabilities youth advocacy group.

#### **Objective:**

The objective of the consultancy is to establish a young people with disabilities advocacy group that advocates for young people with disabilities' ASRHR. This consultancy will contribute to UNFPA China CP8- to build youth participatory platforms that advocates for ASRHR, specifically including young people from marginalized communities.

#### **Scope of Work:**

1. Identify a competitive and passionate group of young people with disabilities to form the



youth advocacy group that advocates for promotion and protection of sexual and reproductive rights for young people living with disabilities. Through consultations among the members and externally with potential partners, establish the group with clear terms of reference and facilitate to develop an advocacy strategy for the group including capacity development plan and work plan.

2. Organize a dialogue with UNFPA China office to discuss young people with disabilities advocacy group development plans, yearly work plan and advocacy strategies and integrate UNFPA's comments into the documents.
3. Organize an exchange workshop with youth led organization(s), for example China Youth Network. Through the workshop, to enable established youth led organizations to share their experiences and strategies with Young people with disabilities youth advocacy group. And build a communication platform between Young people with disabilities youth advocacy group and other youth led organizations.

**Deliverables**

1. Functional group with the clear ToR agreed amongst members
2. Advocacy strategy including capacity building plan and work plan for the group Work plan for Young people with disabilities advocacy group for 2018 developed
3. Report on the activities implemented by Young people with disabilities advocacy group submitted

**Requirements:**

We are looking for an institute, preferably working with young people with disabilities with following qualifications to take up the consultancy:

1. Extensive experience of working on the issue of disability and sexual and reproductive health and rights;
2. Extensive network among young people with disabilities and ability to mobilize young people;
3. Strategic and analytical thinking are required to develop require strategic documents for the Young people with disabilities youth advocacy group;
4. Knowledge of UNFPA's program operation
5. Good command of both English and Chinese

**Timeline and milestones**

Milestone	Time	Note
Launch of the young people with disabilities youth advocacy group, with organizational development	5 November, 2018	50% of the budget dispatched to consultant



plan, advocacy strategy and work plan draft ready		
Organize the dialogue between young people with disabilities youth advocacy group with UNFPA China. UNFPA's comments integrated into the organizational development plan, advocacy strategy, and work plan	25 November, 2018	
Organize the small workshop between young people with disabilities youth advocacy group and youth led organizations. Comments integrated into the organizational development plan, advocacy strategy, and work plan (considered as final version document).	10 December 2018	50% of the budget dispatched to consultant

**How to apply**

The interested party shall prepare a brief proposal to [gaoshan@unfpa.org](mailto:gaoshan@unfpa.org). After UNFPA's evaluation of collected proposals (both technical and financial part), only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further discussions. The deadline for submitting the proposal is 23<sup>rd</sup> October.