Terms of Reference

Project: Meaningful Youth Engagement in Visual Storytelling Methodology

Purpose: To support SafeHands development and improvement of "Young Visual Storyteller" methodology

Project Start Date: September 2020

Duration of Consultancy: 4 month consultancy

Budget: £4,000

Reporting to SafeHands Executive Director

Section 1: Background and Context of the Project

For 17 years, SafeHands has harnessed the power of the visual to spark change through film and photography. Now, we are shifting the power to community-based changemakers through participatory photography and storytelling.

As of June 2020, SafeHands has adopted a new Strategic Framework that builds the skills of peer educators to create community health messages and advocate for policy changes to decision-makers. We seek to increase meaningful youth engagement in our project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and governance. We want to ensure a robust methodology that furthers participatory ethical image-making, while recognising the relationship between photographer, contributor and their community. This is a new way of working for the organisation and requires a robust methodology to ensure we achieve our strategic goals.

Over the past year, we have trialled aspects of our methodology but now seek to formalise, test, and implement a comprehensive youth-focused methodology.

The youth engagement component is underpinned by the following goals:

1. Create meaningful youth participation engagement in SafeHands activities and governance
2. Young people at the heart of community-led development, advocacy and accountability
3. Demonstrate effectiveness and sustainable approaches.

These goals are delivered by SafeHands, our implementing partner, Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU), young leaders, and their communities.

Section 2: Objectives, results, and output expectations

This consultancy will support and guide the development of a young visual storytellers methodology for use in SafeHands’ projects and achievement of our 2020 – 2023 Strategic Framework to build a generation of young visual storytellers.

Objective: The consultant will guide the development of a young visual storytellers’ methodology for use in SafeHands’ projects in line with best practices, evidence in adolescent SRHR and key evolving trends in youth participation and global health.
The methodology will build on programmatic approaches including building the capacity of peer educators, facilitation of participatory photography workshop, support to youth-led advocacy projects and creation of youth-generated social media content for peer education and advocacy purposes.

**Outputs:** The consultant will support SafeHands through a thought leadership to achieve the following outputs:

1. Advise and mentor best practices and principles of meaningful youth engagement to support the development of a robust methodology

The consultant will advise and support SafeHands to develop a robust methodology which builds the skills of peer educators as advocates and community leaders in Uganda. This should include guidance on developing a Beneficiary Feedback Mechanism that may be incorporated into the methodology to strengthen SafeHands’ policies and programmes and advising on the appropriate monitoring and evaluation for this methodology. The consultant will guide the development of accountability approaches within the programmes to ensure programme’s effectiveness and ongoing improvement by providing relevant materials.

2. Review of methodology by expert panel

The consultant will convene a Technical Advisory Committee of global health experts including expertise on adolescent SRHR to review the methodology and identify key recommendations for improvement.

3. Recommendations for improvement following the first iteration of the methodology

The consultant will review and provide recommendations to further improvements to be made to the methodology based on key recommendations made by the Technical Advisory Committee.

**Section 3: Safeguarding**

The consultant will be fully briefed on SafeHands safeguarding policy, reporting procedures and code of conduct. The consultant will ensure that safeguarding is considered and addressed in all activities as required (and should consult SafeHands if in doubt at any point).

**Section 4: Ultimate result of services**

A robust methodology and organisational youth-engagement strategy.

**Section 5: Proposal and workplan**

Based on the objectives listed in section 2, the consultant is requested to submit a short proposal outline their approach and proposed workplan for the delivery of the results.

**Section 8: Reporting lines**

The consultant will report directly to the Executive Director and work closely with and build the capacity of the Project Technical Advisor - Youth.

**Section 9: Qualifications / special skills or knowledge required of the consultant**

**9.1 Competencies**

The selected person(s) will have expertise in youth-led development and youth engagement and a proven record of designing and developing training targeted at young people.
9.2 Qualifications

9.2.1 Education: University degree and/or professional training in a development-related field. Expertise in training targeting young people. Experience in running development programmes in rural settings is important.

9.2.2 Professional Experience: At least 5 years of work experience in the area of project management or managing training/capacity building targeting young people and communities/networks is required for this assignment. Experience in working on programming related to community-led development is an advantage.

Section 10: Sub-contracts

Any sub-contracts must be discussed and agreed with SafeHands.

Section 11. Amendment to the Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference may be updated as required upon agreement between the consultant and SafeHands.

Interested candidates are invited to send their CV, cover letters and proposals to paige@safehands.org by 28 August, 2020. The consultancy will start mid-September 2020.