**Request for Proposals: To conduct a scoping review of economic and financial analyses on women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health**

**Annex 7: Questions from Bidders (Ref. Paragraph 4.6)**

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| **No.** | **RFP Section reference** | **Question** |
| 1 | 2.1 | **Is the rapid scoping review available?**  We will make the key findings available across the categories and domains identified in the rapid scoping review but not the write-up. We will also share all of the output documents of the rapid scoping review, namely the search strategy, data abstraction tool, preliminary findings and the Excel spreadsheet containing 504 peer-reviewed studies and almost 60 grey literature studies.  Moving forward, there’s a need to expand the existing data and assess thoroughly the search strategy for validity, re-run the searches and expand the existing databases. In addition, we would like to receive updated graphs and visuals to capture the findings of the final scoping review.  Last but not least, it is worth reaffirming that the existing findings are based on a search strategy that focuses on abstracts only while this final scoping review is intended to analyse the full text of the studies that will be retrieved according to the inclusion criteria. |
| 2 | 3.3.1 | **Have you considered that expanding the analysis to additional databases would lead to identifying several thousand studies? Is this what PMNCH is expecting?**  Our inclusion and exclusion criteria are quite strict. As part of the request for proposal, we expect that the different bidders assess the approach used by the University of Calgary and include in their application an estimate of what is going to take in terms of workload and capacity to ensure that the delivery timelines are clear and agreed upon. |
| 3 | 3.3.1 | **We are cognizant that PMNCH is keen to receive the findings of the scoping review to present for Universal Health Coverage Day (12 Dec 2022). While an interim output (e.g., preliminary findings) would be feasible, a final piece would need more time. Is there flexibility on this?**  We are keen to receive preliminary findings for UHC Day in December 2022 indeed and are certainly open to discussing the full review delivery in 2023. However, while the delivery timing is an important aspect, proposals will also be assessed based on several other aspects, including value for money and the competitiveness of the project submitted. |
| 4 | 3.3.1 | **When was the search strategy completed? Traditionally the search strategy is carried out one year before the submission of the work.**  It was completed in December 2021. We expect the updated search strategy to be run in the summer of 2022. |
| 5 | 3.3.1 | **Methodologically, scoping reviews do not require a quality appraisal. Why have you chosen to include the appraisal in the Request for Proposal?**  The critical appraisal is an integral part of the Request for Proposal because we would like to use the body of evidence to build a digital compendium and to showcase strong economic and financial analyses in the space of SRMNCAH services and social protection. We don’t want to showcase poor-quality studies but robust evidence for policy planning. |
| 6 | 3.3.1 | **While a number of tools to capture economic and financial analyses exist, I am not aware of the existence of such tools for investment cases. Would the development of such tools be part of the scoping review?**  This is true for a number of fields. We need to rely on the validated tools for the existing studies and identify some limitations of the approach in the critical appraisal. While it would be quite interesting, there’s no time and scope unfortunately to support the development of new tools where they don’t exist. |
| 7 | 3.3.3 | **Is PMNCH planning on making a decision by end of June 2022?**  Yes, this is our ambition, namely assessing the different bids very quickly as this process may take some weeks to finalise. |
| 8 | Appendix 1-2 | **Could you please clarify the inclusion criteria for economic analyses?**  We are interested in exploring health benefits stretching beyond the health sector and that the search strategy applies a multi-sectoral lens. If there are studies on the education sector with outcomes on health and well-being, they should be included. Equally important, we won’t include studies that merely focus on the costing component without showing the benefits of specific interventions or packages of interventions. This is because we would like to use evidence for advocacy, which is the key function of PMNCH. |
| 9 | 3.3.2 | **Should we budget for travel to Geneva or will this exercise be entirely carried out from remote?**  The Request for Proposal specifies that this is a home-based assignment. However, we don’t exclude inviting the lead of the winning bidder to present the results of the scoping review at our offices in Geneva should we resume in-person meetings. |