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Video documenting the impact of COVID-19 on young people in the SADC Region

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Introduction

In a matter of weeks, governments around the world shut schools and industries and imposed various restrictions on human movement and social interactions in an effort to respond to and mitigate the fast-spreading novel coronavirus that causes the respiratory disease, COVID-19. Given this unprecedented response, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted society's ways of working and living and created a new set of demands for governments and civil society organizations to ensure that key services remain available and accessible.

FutureLife-Now! and School's Out are two regional programmes that focus on expanding the access of youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services and supports to young people in and around schools in the SADC region.

- FutureLife-Now!, implemented by the SADC Member States with technical assistance from MIET AFRICA, addresses several persistent and inter-linked challenges facing young people, including limited access to appropriate youth-friendly SRHR information and services, HIV transmission, high pregnancy rates, and detrimental effects of climate change.
- The School's Out project, facilitated by the South African Human Science Research Council, is a coordinating intervention of national level civil society organizations with the intention of improving young people's access to the sexual reproductive health supports and services that they need, particularly those young people who do not conform to normative identities of gender and sexuality.

COVID-19 has increased the risk for young people, particularly the marginalized and vulnerable, to domestic violence and abuse, unprotected sex, and substance misuse. Further, COVID-19 is also disrupting young people's already tenuous access to HIV and SRHR education, services and products, such as comprehensive sexuality education, condoms, anti-retroviral treatment, or counselling services in the case of unintended pregnancies or rape. Perspectives raised by youth-focused organizations in Zambia and Malawi highlight the issue that young people are not accessing SRHR services during this time because of heightened fear of going to clinics, and because of the "stay-at-home" orders that keep them under adult supervision.¹ In addition, the availability of necessary services and supports may be limited both due to supply-chain disruptions and prioritization of COVID-19 health services. A shared concern

¹ Reflections made during a Graça Machel Trust webinar on 15 May on sustaining young people's access to SRHR services.

across the SADC region is that the necessary focused attention by governments on addressing COVID-19 will reverse the progress made in recent years on key HIV & AIDS and SRHR outcomes.

Scope of Work

Considering these concerns, MIET AFRICA is currently conducting a research study that investigates the impact of COVID-19 on young people in the SADC and East Africa regions.

The study aims to:

- Establish evidence on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the lives of young people in the ESA region.
- Conduct an in-depth analysis of the effects of COVID-19 on young people's access to SRHR information, services, and products, considering the school closures and various levels of restrictions on human movement and social interactions.
- Map out and analyse children and youth's perspectives and views about their future, physical and mental health, and proposed recommendations from young people on how to improve access to learning and health services.

As part of the study dissemination package MIET AFRICA seeks a service provider to produce a video that captures the impact of COVID-19 on young people, highlighting real life stories and experiences. In this way, the study findings will be made more accessible and interesting.

Deliverables

- Aligned to the study findings, the video must tell the stories of the study participants, reflecting how COVID-19 has impacted their lives.
- Proposed countries to be included in the video include Malawi, Zambia, and Namibia; however, this is still to be finalized.
- Planning would need to commence in December 2020, with the main filming taking place in January 2021. The deadline for completion is 28 February 2021.

Documentation required

Please submit the following documentation to Shéla McCullough on shela@miet.co.za

1. Brief proposal and portfolio of similar work undertaken
2. Quotation excluding travel costs (MIET AFRICA will cover costs related to travel)
3. Company registration documents
4. ID of company directors
5. Proof of banking details not older than three (3) months
6. Original valid tax clearance certificate from SARS

Note the following: Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. MIET AFRICA reserves the right not to appoint a service provider, or to re-advertise. It also reserves the right to do a complete verification of all information supplied.

Closing date for applications is 04 December 2020