

Contractor Application – Terms of Reference**SHEDECIDES SUPPORT UNIT**

Applications must address all of the requirements of the Terms of Reference, and include all of the information/documents requested in Section 7.

1. Background	<p><u>Overview of the engagement</u></p> <p>SheDecides is a global movement taking political action for a world where every woman, girl and young person in all their diversity, can decide what to do with their body, life and future.</p> <p>Since 2017, its members and allies have boldly been standing up for bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. The SheDecides movement is a unique network of diverse change-makers from Africa, Asia, the Arab Region, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and North America. SheDecides Champions include governments, ministers, parliamentarians, civil society organizations, service providers, youth-leaders, grassroots activists, media, private sector, artists, researchers, and donors.</p> <p>The Movement is a catalyst for collective action, greater than the sum of its parts. SheDecides galvanizes global support for her right to decide through coordinated political action, connecting national to global-level advocacy, communications and thoughtfully crafted opportunities for Champions, movement members and allies to speak out on bodily autonomy.</p> <p>SheDecides' vision for 2022-2027 is to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and bodily autonomy by countering the rising tide of opposition, strengthening coordinated political action and amplifying the collective voices of our movement members and allies</p> <p>The SheDecides Support Unit (SDSU) serves as secretariat to the global SheDecides movement. The SDSU is hosted by the IPPF Central Office but is an autonomous entity with its own strategy, budget and governance structure.</p>
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	<p>A contractor or contractors are required to produce two comprehensive desk-based research and policy briefing digests for our Champions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) on the impact of the US Mexico City Policy and intelligence gathering on the possibility of its reinstatement in 2025 (2) on youth SRHR: latest research on including funding flows for youth SRHR; impact of investment in youth SRHR policies and services; impact of meaningful youth engagement in youth SRHR service design; youth & abortion services; youth and CSE; and youth participation in policy design and service delivery and design.
<p>2. Purpose</p>	<p>The aim of the research digests is to provide Champions with the most up to date evidence on the two selected issues, summarising findings and pointing at where the evidence can be accessed.</p> <p>The research digest should serve as a useful starting point for our Champions to use in their speeches and communication materials, as well as provide them with the evidence they need in order to push forward policy positions.</p> <p>Evidence should include both peer reviewed materials as well as policy briefs. The digests should highlighting key data and findings.</p> <p>The ODI/GAGE research panorama will give you a feel for how research might be summarised. An alternative can be seen here.</p> <p>Research digests should be no more than 15-20 pages long, and ought to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peer reviewed evidence - Policy briefings from reputable sources (governmental, academic, think tank or I-NGO sources) <p>The exact headings & agreement on how to organise the work will be finalised after the first initial evidence scouting.</p>
<p>3. Roles and responsibilities</p>	<p><u>Contractor’s specific roles and responsibilities:</u></p> <p>On the Mexico City Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of the Mexico City Policy and how and when it has been implemented in the past

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk review of materials (peer reviewed and policy briefings) documenting the impact of the US Mexico City Policy (historically; but focusing on the 2017 – 2021 enactment). • For each piece include a brief summary of key findings that will be of relevance to SheDecides Champions ahead of the 2024 US Election • For each include links to where the material can be accessed • Include a section on any research or briefings about the shape and scope of a possible 2025 Mexico City Policy reenactment. • Include materials authored by Champion organisations and beyond. <p>On Youth SRHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest evidence on youth SRHR, including funding flows for youth SRHR; impact of investment in youth SRHR policies and services; impact of meaningful youth engagement in youth SRHR service design; youth & abortion services; youth and CSE; and youth participation in policy design and service delivery and design. • Latest recommendations (policy briefs) on the above • For each piece include a brief summary of key findings that will be of relevance to SheDecides Champions • For each include links to where the material can be accessed • Include materials authored by Champion organisations and beyond.
<p>4. Timeline</p>	<p><u>Commencement date.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2024 <p><u>Anticipated completion date.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico City Policy: July 2024, with an update in December 2024 • Youth SRHR: September 2024
<p>5. Milestones and deliverables</p>	<p>Mexico City Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial scouting of evidence • Draft #1 of the Mexico City Policy brief – mid July 2024 tbc • Final draft of the Mexico City Policy brief – end of July 2024 tbc • Update of the Mexico City Policy brief – December 2024 tbc

	<p>Youth SRHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial scouting of evidence • Draft #2 of the Youth SRHR brief – July 30th tbc • Final draft of the Youth SRHR brief – 15th August tbc
<p>6. Contractor requirements</p>	<p><u>Professional qualifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least a Masters degree in a relevant field (international development/government/politics/gender/development economics). <p><u>Experience required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 5 years’ experience in research, and or development programs and related work, of which a minimum of 3 years was on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. • In depth knowledge of the Mexico City Policy and youth SRHR, particularly with regards to abortion, comprehensive sexuality education and meaningful participation. • Demonstrated track record of producing research pieces tailored to policy makers and development practitioners, with emphasis on succinct, accessible and compelling materials. • Demonstrated capacity to write clear and well-constructed reports in accordance with agreed terms of reference and within specified time constraints. <p><u>Skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research. • Project/Programme Management. • Strong verbal, written and interpersonal skills. • Excellent time management and organizational skills <p>We particularly welcome applications from researchers under 30, and from diverse backgrounds.</p>

7. Payment Schedule	Payments will be made on successful approval of deliverables, as confirmed in writing. The payment schedule will comprise of a maximum of 2 payments per research digest.
8. How to apply	You may apply for one or both research digests. To apply, please submit the following <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CV- Two examples of similar (research) digests conducted in the past- References for past clients for whom the consultant(s) have carried out similar work- Fees/daily rate and estimated expected number of days- Availability Please send the application to Muriel Kahane, Senior Advisor on Partnership Engagement & Management (muriel@shedecides.com) with <i>Research Consultancy – your name</i> as the subject line by 21st June 2024 .