Consultant Position Description
Perinatal/Maternal Mental Health Toolkit for Faith Communities

ABOUT CCIH
Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) is a global network of Christian organizations, individuals and affiliates committed to advancing health and wholeness from a Christian perspective. Motivated by our faith and our values, CCIH envisions a world where all have access to quality healthcare and prevention services. CCIH members work in over 90 countries and include non-governmental organizations, church networks, Christian Health Associations, volunteer and product donation agencies, and other support organizations. CCIH works with Protestant, Catholic, and non-denominational organizations as well as interfaith networks. CCIH shares information and provides a forum for networking, advocacy, capacity building and fellowship to an ever-increasing spectrum of organizations and individuals. CCIH also carries out grants and programs by working through its members in low- and middle-income countries. CCIH is a nonprofit (501c3) organization established in 1987 and headquartered in the Washington, DC area. CCIH is financed by membership dues and a variety of grants.

DESCRIPTION OF CONSULTING SERVICES REQUIRED
This consultancy is part of the USAID-funded MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership program. CCIH is a subrecipient under Jhpiego in this program.

Local and national faith communities are an important group of non-state actors who offer unique opportunities for partnership on raising demand and addressing hesitancy. These communities are also highly influential in promoting good health, including maternal mental health or perinatal mental health. Religious leaders influence and shape community attitudes, beliefs, and actions through relevant, accurate information about mental health generally and maternal mental health specifically. Moreover, faith-based health services provide a substantial share of health services.

CCIH makes up the Faith Engagement Team working on the MOMENTUM Country & Global Leadership project and collaborates with the maternal newborn and child health team to help identify and begin to address concerns among religious leaders and faith-based health services groups around maternal mental health.

MOMENTUM suite of materials include a landscape analysis, a shorter brief of the analysis, and a journal article and commentary. This toolkit will be created based on previous information compiled in the landscape analysis and the global convening, “Giving Voice to the Silent Burden: Maternal Mental Health Technical Consultation”, and webinar on maternal mental health and the importance of engaging faith
actors, in addition to a virtual global consultation with faith actors to receive feedback. CCIH supported the MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership landscape study by conducting a literature review and key informant interviews (KII) to better understand the nature and extent of faith-based engagement in maternal mental health. The literature review included 40+ formal and informal documents found to meet search criteria. KIIs included representatives from multinational groups (5), India (3), Kenya (3), Malawi (2), Ghana (1), Liberia (1) and Nigeria (1). Of those, 12 were Christian, 2 Muslim and 2 non-affiliated. Results from all evidence collected was synthesized into this PowerPoint and a blog post.

This year, Momentum Country and Global Leadership will build on the work above by creating a toolkit on facts to address myths/misconceptions of maternal mental health via social and behavior change (SBC) messages. Content for the toolkit will be influenced by feedback from faith actors in a virtual global stakeholder dialogue. The consultant will lead one or two virtual sessions with stakeholders to present the toolkit and solicit feedback. The resulting toolkit will include lay definitions of mental health and maternal/perinatal mental health terms, address theological/scriptural background of a diverse group of faith actors (e.g. Buddhist, Christian, Hindi, Muslim, etc), and suggest content for community messages and sermons, and how to create social media/Whatsapp messages on this topic.

**DELIVERABLES**

1. Concept note for the virtual global Advisory Forum(s) to present the draft toolkit and solicit feedback.
2. Invitation drafted and issued to all invitees.
3. Discussion guide that will be used to gather virtual and in-person feedback on the toolkit for faith leaders/communities (may be subject to IRB approval)
4. Toolkit for faith leaders/communities to address maternal mental health

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| 1 | Develop invitation with agenda, and draft discussion guide for the advisory forum | • Advisory forum concept note  
• Draft discussion guide                                                                                                                   | July 30, 2023 |
| 2 | 1-2 virtual global advisory forum sessions                                | • Notes from advisory forum session(s)  
• Completed pause and reflect or pulse poll reporting form                                                                               | August 30, 2023 |
| 3 | Create SBC Toolkit for faith leaders/communities                          | • Draft toolkit and prepare distribution messages asking a variety of stakeholders CCIH,  
MOMENTUM, USAID, PMH CoP, etc to review the draft toolkit.                                                                                   | September 30, 2023 |
| 4 | Finalize SBC toolkit for faith leaders/communities                         | • Final SBC toolkit (post-feedback) with messages for faith leaders/communities                                                             | November 15, 2023 |

**TERMS AND PAYMENT**
This project is expected to start **July 30, 2023** and be complete by **December 31, 2023**

Expected Level of Effort (or number of days): 55

Payment is Fixed Price.

Payment schedule: Based on deliverables

Consultant must submit invoices for payment.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Advanced degree in psychology, psychiatry, counseling, social work, public health, or similar field
- Consultant will demonstrate expertise in mental health, developing various types of products including toolkits, reports, and policy briefs.
- Ability to work in faith-based settings, with religious leaders/faith actors from various faith traditions
- Strong analytical and writing skills
- Use of own computer, internet access
- Ability to meet remotely with team via Zoom or Google Meet
- Willingness to use CCIH project management software as needed

**TO APPLY:**

Submit a cover letter including how you found out about the position and your preparation and qualification for the work, your resume, expected daily rate or total cost, and a 1-page writing sample to [jobs@ccih.org](mailto:jobs@ccih.org). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

*You will receive notification of receipt of your application. CCIH will only contact applicants that we are considering for the position. You will not be notified if CCIH does not move you to the next steps of the process. Thank you for considering working with our team.*