
Terms of Reference

Research Assistant

Background

Marie Stopes International Cambodia (Marie Stopes) is the leading contraception, safe abortion and sexual and reproductive health services provider in Cambodia. Since 1998, we empower women and men to make decisions in their own reproductive health destiny and support their needs in order to pursue their plans for themselves and their families.

We seek to improve the quality of life in Cambodia by providing safe, high-quality and affordable reproductive health services. We ensure that women and men are able to choose safe and quality services that are available in their communities through Marie Stopes clinics, government referral hospitals and health centres, private clinics, pharmacies and factory infirmaries.

Marie Stopes in collaboration between Marie Stopes International Global Research Team, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the School of Oriental and Asian Studies (SOAA) aim to develop an intervention to support reproductive health of women after seeking medical abortion in Cambodia using qualitative research methods.

Job Title:	Location:	Reporting to:	Duration of consultancy
Research Assistant	Phnom Penh	Principal Investigator – Dr. Chris Smith	2 months (August 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018)

Key Responsibilities

The Research Assistant will be responsible for contributing to a wider research project “Development of an intervention to support reproductive health of women after seeking medical abortion in Cambodia. She/He will:

1. Conduct 10-20 interviews and observation with private providers in the vicinity of garment factories that provide or refer for medical abortion
2. Conduct 10-20 interviews with women seeking medical abortion services from private providers
3. Work with local researchers to ensure good quality transcription of interviews
4. Analyse interviews and conduct a thematic analysis
5. Contribute towards a manuscript

Required Outputs

The Research Assistant shall submit the following:

1. Completed interviews
2. Set of transcripts in English language
3. Completed thematic analysis
4. Draft of a manuscript using the formatting style of appropriate family planning journal not exceeding the word limit

Skills and Experience

- Masters degree in Public Health, or equivalent degree
- Interest in reproductive health, particularly post-abortion family planning
- Interest in digital health
- Quantitative & qualitative data analysis
- Experience using NVIVO software
- Experience of academic writing in English language

Supervision and Line Management

- It is the responsibility of the research assistant to organise appropriate travel insurance, travel arrangements, accommodation in Phnom Penh.
- Dr. Chris Smith will provide on the job training and introductions to key people will during the first 1-2 weeks of the job.
- Thereafter the researcher will work with the local research team based at the Marie Stopes International (MSI) office in Phnom Penh. The fieldwork will be conducted with a local research in the vicinity of Phnom Penh, and local transport will be arranged.
- The researcher will report weekly to Dr. Chris Smith via written reports or telephone/skype calls
- NB ethical approvals have been obtained for the research

Contact information

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