**Facilitating convergence and integrated programme delivery in Sawai Madhopur and Udaipur districts for improved outreach in addressing needs of young people, women and girls**

**Background**

UNFPA through its country programme reaches to the young people to empower them to realize their aspirations, to exercise their reproductive choices, to ensure that harmful practices are addressed so that they can lead a fulfilling and meaningful life. In the last few country programmes, UNFPA has forged partnership with the State Government in strengthening the Reproductive Health component through RMNCH+A approach , technical inputs in rolling out of RKSK initiative ,addressing harmful practices like Child Marriage and Sex selection and providing technical support in addressing Gender based violence through Community approach.

UNFPA in the 9th Country Programme (2018-2022) aims to support the efforts in achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, including family planning; and promote gender equality and rights. As part of this, UNFPA will be partnering with the State Government in implementing the large sector programmes like NHM, RKSK, SABLA and also will provide technical support in the roll out of programmes/schemes that address the issue of Child Marriage and Gender Based Violence.

One of the key strategy that UNFPA is proposing in the new country programme is the convergent approach in two districts of Rajasthan to develop synergies between the large sector programmes of NHM,RMNCH+A,RKSK,SABLA,KSY so that the young people, especially adolescent girls can benefit most from the programmes. In this context , UNFPA proposes to partner with a suitable Implementing Partner in two districts – Sawai Madhopur and Udaipur to undertake critical interventions related to institution building , capacity building , development of need based technical resource materials, community mobilization , use of communication strategies and create forums/networks on identified themes and issues. The major area of work in these two districts will be in the area of reproductive health, Adolescent girls development, Child Marriage and Gender based discrimination and violence.

Apart from this UNFPA in partnership with Government of Rajasthan is providing technical support for community action group (Chirali initiative) and Saajha Abhiyan (Child Marriage strategic action Plan) in identified districts and respectively across the state to strengthen quality of programmes and enhance outreach to adolescents, especially young girls. UNFPA in the new country programme will also explore to work with the KGBV schools in enhancing the life skills of adolescent girls in partnership with the Department of Education.

**Geographic Coverage**

The districts selected for the interventions would be Udaipur (priority district for RMNCH+A, MPV, SABLA, RKSK, RBSK, Child Marriage) and Sawai Madhopur (priority district for MPV, Child Marriage and BBBP, KSY, RBSK). In these districts, convergence also would be brought into the existing school/ residential based programmes that are implemented by the education department . Apart from this technical support to be provided at the state level to rolling out the Chirali programme in 7 districts to address Gender Based Violence and Sajha Abhiyan Campaign to address the Child Marriage.

The proposed initiative/workplan would be implemented through an Implementing Partner (NGO) who has credible experience of working with the Government in its ability to influence large sector programmes in the area of Adolescent development, Gender, Health and Community Mobilisation.

**Large Sector Programme and intervention districts**

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| **Programmes** | **Districts** |
| RMNCH+A/RKSK | Udaipur,Karauli,Dholpur,Bundi,Jaisalmer,Banswara,Dungarpur,Barmer,Rajsamand,Jalore |
| Chirali | Nagaur, Bundi, Jhalawar, Banswara, Pratapgarh,Jalore, Bhilwara |
| KGBV | All the Districts |
| SABLA | Jaipur,Jhalawar,Jodhpur,Bikaner,Barmer,Banswara,Bhilwara,Udaipur,Dungarpur,Sriganganagar |
| KSY- Kishori Shakti Yojana | Rest of the 23 districts apart from SABLA |

**Objectives:**

1. To facilitate integrated delivery of services through large scale government programmes/initiatives such RMNCH+A, RKSK, RBSK, MPV, BBBP, and Sabla in the identified districts of Udaipur and Sawai Madhopur to enhance effectiveness, outreach and to equip young people & women with knowledge & skills and to empower them to exert their agency
2. To strengthen government initiatives and programmes at state and district levels focused on outreach to adolescent girls in marginalised settings such KSY, Sabla, Chirali and Saajha Abhiyan

**Brief profile of districts –**

**a. Udaipur district -** The district is generally hilly with high percentage of tribal population. The district has 17 blocks. According to the 2011 census, Udaipur district has a population of 3,068,420. Its population growth rate over the decade 2001-2011 was 23.66% and it has a sex ratio of 958 females for every 1000 males and a literacy rate of 62.74%. As per the NFHS -4, 40.4% of currently married women in the age group of 20-24 years were married as child. As per the Census 2011, 31% girls in the age group of 10-14 years were out of school. SC & ST forms the 55.9% of the total population. District also has TFR of 3.6 as per the AHS 12-13.

b. **Sawai Madhopur district** - Sawai Madhopur is located in southeast Rajasthan. According to the 2011 census, Sawai Madhopur district has a population of 1,338,114. The district has a population density of 297 people per square kilometre and its population growth rate over the decade 2001-2011 was 19.79%. It has a sex ratio of 894 females for every 1000 males, and a literacy rate of 66.19%. District is divided in 8 blocks. As per the NFHS -4, 47.7% of currently married women in the age group of 20-24 years were married as child. As per the Census 2011, 22.2% girls in the age group of 10-14 years were out of school. SC & ST forms the 42.3% of the total population. District also has TFR of 3.6 as per the AHS 12-13.

**The proposed strategies and interventions are as follows –**

**Strategy 1** Map areas of convergence and opportunities to enhance effectiveness of large sector programmes to enhance outreach and address needs to adolescents, especially girls.

**Strategy 2** Strengthening institutional mechanism at the District level for convergence in the roll out of government programmes

**Strategy 3** Build Capacities of the critical stakeholders who are involved in the roll out of the large sector Programmes in the two identified districts.

**Strategy 4** Building enhanced capacities of supervision among the supervisory cadre of the Government departments and developing Mentors in the identified districts to provide supportive inputs in strengthening the implementation of the programme.

**Strategy 5** Strengthen the roll out of the environment building and community mobilization activities of different large sector programmes in the identified districts and create linkages between the various mobilization activities to capitalize the opportunities to address multiple issues

**Strategy 6** Enhance effectiveness of sectoral initiatives, particularly education and health to reach out to adolescent boys and girls, especially in out of school settings

**Strategy 7** At the state level, strengthen implementation of government schemes and programmes aimed at empowerment of adolescent girls, particularly KSY, Sabla, SaajhaAbhiyan, Chirali and BBBP

**Scope of Work**

1. **Sawai Madhopur**
   1. Mapping of the different programmes and stakeholders in the district related to the Adolescent health , Family Planning, BBBP and vocational skills programmes
   2. Develop a comprehensive action plan to deliver the programmes in an integrated manner to address the needs of young people.
   3. Map the existing institutional mechanism of concerned government programmes related to NHM, Mission Parivar Vikas(MPV),BBBP,Kishori Shakti Yojana (KSY), RBSK and Child marriage strategic action plan at the District and Block level and design capacity building programmes for orienting the members of the various committees .
   4. Organise capacity building programme for the members of the various taskforce/ committees at the District and Block level – Around 25-30 persons at the district level and 5-10 at the each block level (block level training can be done in clusters)
   5. Develop Fact sheets and status notes on the implementation of the critical programmes in the district related to FP,Youth and Adolesents while identifying gaps therein and recommendations for improvement for advocacy and stronger implementation
   6. Map the various capacity building programmes planned under the critical programmes of MPV, BBBP, KSY and RBSK and identify areas of training that need strengthening
   7. Develop a pool of Master trainers/Mentors for the BBBP and KSY programme in the district by organizing master trainers training for 30 persons.
   8. Facilitate the development of BBBP district action plan
   9. Participate in the district and block level task force of BBBP
   10. Undertake mentoring Visits to the field areas for supportive supervision for the effective implementation of the Family planning (including roll out of MPV), KSY and BBBP initiatives in the sawai madhopur district – around 30 villages/ facilities every quarter
   11. During the mentoring visits, observe the availability of comprehensive and youth friendly RH services in the facilities (access to 5 reversible contraceptive methods, prevention of unsafe abortion, RTI/STI management and ensuring privacy and autonomy of clients) & quality of FP services.
   12. Organize orientation programme for the district and block officials of the women empowerment, education , and health department on Reproductive Health , Gender and Adolescent Development with an objective for integrated delivery of programmes at the field level - Approximate participants – 40 from the district and 50 from all the blocks
   13. Develop a model block where there is convergent planning and integrated delivery of programmes in the area of Family Planning , Adolescent development and BBBP initiative.
   14. Facilitate the environment building activities related to FP and adolescent programmes of the Departments in the district in close co-ordination with the Departments ( 1-2 such activities every quarter at the district or block level)
   15. Strengthening of communication campaign to address the Child Marriage in the district in aligning with Saajha Abhiyan (state action plan to address child marriage)
   16. Identify skill building (vocational and livelihoods) institutions in the district and integrate life skills and gender issues in their curriculum. Ensure necessary linkages to facilitate access to vocational skills and programmes aimed at empowerment of girls
2. **Udaipur**
   1. Mapping of the different programmes and the stakeholders in the district in the area of RMNCH+A, RKSK, RBSK MPV,SABLA and Child marriage related initiatives
   2. Map the existing institutional mechanism of the concerned government programmes at the district and block level and organize orientation of the members of taskforce/committees associated with these programmes.
   3. Develop a convergent action plan at the district level for the above programmes (point a) on the basis of a district level consultation, including RKSK-LSE-RBSK convergence in school settings
   4. Develop fact sheets and status notes on the implementation of the critical programmes in the district related to FP, Youth and Adolescents, while identifying gaps therein and recommendations for improvement for advocacy and stronger implementation
   5. Map the various capacity building programmes planned under the critical programmes of RMNCH+A, RKSK,MPV,SABLA and Child marriage related initiatives
   6. Develop a pool of Master trainers/Mentors for the RMNCH+A ,MPV ,RKSK ( Youth Friendly SRH services), where required in the district by organizing master trainers training for 30 officials. For SABLA and RKSK – Community outreach , another 30 master trainers/mentors to be trained
   7. Undertake mentoring Visits to the field areas for supportive supervision for the effective implementation of the Family planning , RMNCH+A ,RKSK , SABLA initiatives in the district - around 30 villages/ facilities every quarter
   8. During the mentoring visits, observe the availability of comprehensive & youth friendly RH services in the facilities (access to 5 reversible contraceptive methods, prevention of unsafe abortion, RTI/STI management and ensuring privacy and autonomy of clients) quality of FP services and provide support in strengthening capacities of RKSK & RMNCH+A counsellors
   9. Organize orientation programme for the district and block officials of the women empowerment, education , and health department on Reproductive Health , Gender and Adolescent Development with an objective for integrated delivery of programmes at the field level - Approximate participants – 40 from the district and 50 from all the blocks
   10. Develop a model block where there is a convergent planning and integrated delivery of programmes in the area of RMNCH+A, Family Planning and Adolescent development .
   11. Facilitate the environment building activities related to FP and adolescent programmes of the Departments in the district in close co-ordination with the Departments
   12. Strengthening the communication campaign to address the Child Marriage in the district in aligning with Saajha Abhiyan (state action plan to address child marriage)
   13. Identify skill building (vocational and livelihoods) institutions in the district and integrate life skills and gender issues in their curriculum. Ensure necessary linkages to facilitate access to vocational skills and programmes aimed at empowerment of girls
3. **State level support and facilitation**
   1. Provide critical and catalytic support to the Chirali (Community Action group to address Gender based violence in 7 districts ) programme in the state
      1. Undertake Base line survey in the 7 identified districts (sample basis)
      2. Undertake capacity building of the District officials at the state level on the Gender issues and Chirali initiative – Around 40-50 officials
      3. Provide technical assistance to the implementation of the Chirali initiative in the 7 districts
      4. Develop a pool of resource persons /mentors for 7 districts for providing supportive supervision – 50 mentors
      5. Develop prototypes of communication materials for the Chirali initiative
      6. Organise trainings of the District /block level resource persons on the Gender safety audit – 45 resource persons from 7 districts
      7. Develop Monitoring systems and a web based software to monitor the progress of Chrali programme
   2. Provide critical support to the roll out of the strategic action plan to address child marriage in the state of Rajasthan
      1. Undertake communication campaign in 2 high prevalent districts and develop the same as a model for further scale up by the Government
      2. Development of prototypes of resource materials related to child marriage for the different stakeholders
      3. Provide critical support in developing district action plan for 3 high prevalent district (including sawai madhopur) through a district level consultation.
      4. Create a community forum by orienting civil society organizations - 60 organisations
   3. Adolescent development
      1. Organise a master trainers training for the SABLA districts – 40 participants
      2. Facilitate survey of out of school adolescent girls by peer educators in SABLA and KSY districts on a sample basis
         1. One day consultation on the developing the toolkit for the survey and the form – 40 participants
         2. Compilation of the survey
      3. Master trainer workshop at the State level on adolescent issues, life skills and gender for in school adolescent girls.
      4. Develop modules/chapters on child marriage, gender to be introduced by the education department, including organization of a workshop on development of module/chapter on child marriage (issue, implication and legal aspect) and gender (declining child sex ratio) – 40 participants.

**Expected Results**

* Availability and access of young people to reversible contraceptive services ensured in both Udaipur and Sawai Madhopur
* Quality of FP services with respect to counselling , consent , privacy, provision and follow up ensured in Udaipur and Sawai Madhopur
* Comprehensive services under RKSK in Udaipur and RBSK in both Udaipur and Sawai madhopur for young people ensured
* Linkages between RKSK, RBSK SABLA and Inschool programme in Udaipur and RBSK, KSY and inschool programme in Sawai Madhopur developed
* Non-nutrition component under Sabla strengthened in enabling access of girls (especially out of school) to life skills education
* Counsellor’s capacities deployed under RKSK Programme in Udaipur built to provide quality counselling services in the RKSK Clinics in Udaipur
* Strengthened and functional institutional mechanism at the District and block level for the RKSK,MPV, Child Marriage, BBBP ,SABLA programmes
* Enhanced capacities of the supervisors for the supportive supervision of the critical programmes in the two districts for integrated delivery of services
* Capacities of the district officials and service providers built to deliver quality sexual and reproductive health services
* Capacities of traditional and non-traditional stakeholders built on the implication of the Child Marriage on adolescent girls and boys
* Community action group’s understanding and ability to take action strengthened to address issues of Gender based violence in 7 chirali districts and undertaking the audits

**Reaching out to adolescents in the year 2018**

1. **Udaipur** 
   1. Through SABLA – 50000 adolescent girls
   2. RKSK – 10920 adolescent girl and boys through 728 peer educators
   3. Number of young people reached with quality SRH services – 5000 young people
2. **Sawai Madhopur**
   1. Kishori Shakti Yojana - 2955 adolescent girls ( 15 girls in each of 197 gram panchayats)
3. **State Level**
   1. Kishori Shakti Yojana - - 79425 adolescent girls ( 15 girls in each of 5295 gram panchayats) of 23 districts
   2. Sabla – Approximately 400000 adolescent girls