

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Main Title

Provision of lab test and sonography for the pregnant women with financial hardship in Yazd PHC service delivery points

Context

Background and rational:

Pregnancy is a crucial period for a woman, as it involves significant physical, emotional, and hormonal changes that require careful monitoring and support to ensure the health and well-being of both the mother and the fetus. In this regard, antenatal care (ANC) is one of the most critical and essential services in the health system which is delivered in primary health care.

According to the national safe motherhood service package, there are two series of routine tests and sonographies during a normal pregnancy which should be taken by pregnant women. This is a very significant part of antenatal care as it will result in better quality care and early/ timely detection and management of pregnancy complications.

The purpose of this project is to support pregnant women who are unable to undergo routine tests due to economic hardships or lack of insurance coverage. In response to a request from the Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MoHME), UNICEF aims to provide access to these essential tests for pregnant women in Yazd city. This initiative, supervised by the Health Deputy of Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences, ensures that these women receive the necessary pregnancy lab and sonography care, maintaining standards of quality and aiming for the best possible pregnancy outcomes.

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE WORK

- **Objectives** increase the coverage of the routine lab and sonography exams for pregnant women from refugees and host community.
- **Geographical Boundaries:** Yazd city
- **Population:** Target population is 2700 pregnant women from refugees and host community in low economic status or not benefiting from insurance

METHODOLOGY

To provide economical access to the defined lab test and sonography services for the pregnant women, the eligible pregnant women would be identified by deputy of health.

Eligible pregnant women will be referred from primary healthcare (PHC) points to designated labs and sonography centers. These facilities will perform the required services in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education's instructions and guidelines. The contractor will prepare the financial documents, which will then be sent to UNICEF for payment after approval by the Yazd Health Deputy.

For monitoring the whole process and the quality and quantity of the lab and sonography performance, based on defined indicators by deputy health, reports will be provided.

The type of test and sonography are based on the safe Motherhood guideline of MoHME (6-10 and 24-28 weeks of gestational pregnancy for blood lab tests and 16-18 and 31-34 weeks of gestational pregnancy for sonographies).

ACTIVITIES, DELIVERABLES, TIMELINES AND PAYMENTS

ACTIVITY	DELIVERABLES	ESTIMATED TIME	PAYMENT
First report on provision of the services	Providing the first list of eligible pregnant women and due financial documents after signing the contract	90 days	TBD upon invoice
Second report on provision of the services	Updating the list of underwent pregnant women and due financial documents	90 days	TBD upon invoice
Third report on provision of the services	Updating the list of underwent pregnant women and due financial documents	90 days	TBD upon invoice
Fourth report on provision of the services	Updating the list of underwent pregnant women and due financial documents	90 days	TBD upon invoice
Total		360 days	100%

All deliverables and products need to follow UNICEF principles and relevant templates and guidelines.
Payment against deliverables is contingent upon satisfactory review by Yazd Medical University Health deputy and UNICEF.