



CARE Philippines

COVID-19 Vaccine Gender Gap

More than a year into the pandemic, response to the novel coronavirus has shifted from stringent public health measures to vaccination of the mass population against the virus. The Philippines has rolled-out free vaccines through local governments, with populations tiered into groups of prioritization – medical front liners, persons with co-morbidities, the elderly, and frontline workers. The aim is to cover 70% of the 110 million population towards the end of 2021. However, the First Quarter 2021 Social Weather Survey revealed only 3 out of 10 Filipinos are willing to be vaccinated. Central to the hesitancy are two things: lack of trust, and disbelief that the vaccine is effective.

While addressing local vaccine hesitancy is important, it is also critical to explore how gender – and the local behaviors and practices viewed from such a lens – affects one's access, and different other factors such as household responsibilities, information, and decision-making when it comes to COVID-19 vaccination.

CARE Philippines aims to develop research around gender gaps of the COVID-19 vaccine. Coming from a global and regional lens, it's important to surface local experiences and perspectives of women and men on COVID-19 vaccines in the country. What are the differences between men and women in the Philippines when it comes to appreciation and access to COVID-19 vaccines? How is local women leadership shaping actual access to COVID-19 vaccines? How can a deeper understanding of the gender gaps support local advocacies and policies for a more equitable vaccine rollout?

Aims and Objectives

The research aims to explore the differences between men and women in their experiences with COVID-19 vaccines in the country. In particular, the research will delve into the following questions:

- What are the differences between men and women when it comes to awareness, information (and misinformation), and access to COVID-19 vaccines?
- What are the differences between the men and women when it comes to the barriers of getting vaccinated?
- How does the leadership at the LGU level and barangay level impact public access to vaccine and vaccine information?



Key deliverables

The consultant is expected to produce high-quality publishable outputs within a short period of time, that can be shared across and within the CARE International Gender Network as well as various local Gender Studies platforms.

The consultant is expected to:

- Gather relevant national data on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines
- Produce tools (FGD, KIIs) for CARE and partner field teams to use on the ground
- Process and present data from FGDs and KIIs

Deliverables include:

- Proofread final report
- Completed and laid out document in PDF file, with additional infographics, illustrations, or design as needed
- Raw or editable file of the laid out document.

Skills and Qualifications

The consultant should have the following qualifications:

- Has 3+ years experience in writing and editing technical reports using gender fair language
- Has the following qualities/abilities:
 - Quality research and designing skills
 - Meticulous and detail-oriented
- Professional and able to comply with deadlines and submit outputs in a timely manner
- Knowledge in gender and gender programming

Timeline of Activities and Payment

DATE	DELIVERABLE	PAYMENT
December 1	Contract Signing and onboarding	30% of payment
December 13	First draft of tools and other processes	
Feb 21	First Draft of report	30% of payment
Feb 28	Second/Final Draft	
March 11	Laid out file	40% of payment



Requirements

Interested parties should send the following to carephl.info@care.org with the subject: APPLICATION FOR RESEARCHER:

- Updated CV
- Sample Works
- Cover Letter
- Budget and Project Proposal