

TERMS OF REFERENCE

WASH GCF Consultant

CONTRACT MODALITY Individual Consultancy

DUTY STATION **Juba, South Sudan (remote)**

DURATION OF CONTRACT 3 months

Purpose of Assignment

The assignment aims to enhance UNICEF’s capacity in CEED by supporting the mobilization on climate finance. This will be achieved by conceptualizing proposals, developing concept notes and proposals for major international climate funds- particularly vertical funds and international financial institutions (IFIs) and creating climate rationales for UNICEF South Sudan

Scope of Work

1. Collaborate with UNICEF programme teams at Headquarters, Regional, and Country Office levels(South Sudan) to lead the development of concept notes and project proposals for vertical climate funds and IFIs that address country-specific needs South Sudan.
2. Develop comprehensive sector wise (WASH) and cross-sectoral climate change rationales for adapting social services for children in response to major climate hazards. With focus to WASH as essential social services. Major climate hazards will be prioritized as part of the inception process and could include floods, droughts, and heatwaves.

Work Assignments Overview	Deliverables/Outputs	Delivery deadline (in weeks/months) and input days to complete the deliverable
Task 1: Support concepts note and proposal development	<p>Deliverable 1 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Portfolio of two (2) concept notes for funding from vertical climate funds, addressing specific needs and priorities o A portfolio of two (2) GCF Readiness proposals tailored to the specific needs and priorities o One (1) comprehensive proposal for the Adaptation Fund (AF) and one (1) proposal tailored for IFI funding, which can be country specific, depending on the identified opportunities o One (1) comprehensive 	25/06/2026

	WASH GCF proposal, country - specific, based on the identified opportunities	
Task 2: Develop climate change rationales for UNICEF South Sudan Country Office	Deliverable 2 – Holistic and comprehensive climate rationales for adapting essential social services (WASH) in an integrated and low-carbon manner, prioritizing major climate hazards, as well as costing catalogue estimating the cost of key sustainability and climate change interventions across UNICEF’s work areas.	31/05/2026
Task 3: Provide guidance and strengthen capacity	Deliverable 3 –Infographics (presentation) on the GCF proposal. (guidelines and templates for developing climate change rationales specific to South Sudan context)	25/06/2026

Payment Schedule:

Payment will be made on submission and acceptance of deliverables. UNICEF reserves the right to withhold payment in case the deliverables submitted are not up to the required standard or in case of delays in submitting the deliverables on the part of the consultant.

Important Notes

- Individuals engaged under a consultancy or individual contract will not be considered “staff members” under the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and UNICEF’s policies and procedures and will not be entitled to benefits provided therein (such as leave entitlements and medical insurance coverage). Their conditions of service will be governed by their contract and the General Conditions of Contracts for the Services of Consultants and Individual Contractors. Consultants and individual contractors are responsible for determining their tax liabilities and for the payment of any taxes and/or duties, in accordance with local or other applicable laws.
- The selected candidate is solely responsible for ensuring that the health insurance (and visa if applicable) required to perform the duties of the contract are valid for the entire period of the contract. Selected candidates are subject to confirmation of fully-vaccinated status against SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) with a World Health Organization (WHO)-endorsed vaccine, which must be met prior to taking up the assignment. It does not apply to consultants who will work remotely and are not expected to work on or visit UNICEF premises, programme delivery locations or directly interact with communities UNICEF works with, nor to travel to perform functions for UNICEF for the duration of their consultancy contracts.
- UNICEF offers reasonable accommodation for consultants with disabilities. This may include, for example, accessible software, travel assistance for missions or personal attendants. We encourage you to disclose your disability during your application in case you need reasonable accommodation during the selection process and afterwards in your assignment.

**QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE / EXPERIENCE/ COMPETENCIES
(CORE/TECHNICAL/FUNCTIONAL) / LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR THE ASSIGNMENT**

- **Education:** Required qualifications: Advanced university degree in environmental science, climate change, international; development or related field
 - **Required experience:** At least 10 years of relevant experience, including leading similar assignments and successfully securing funding from major vertical climate funds e.g. GCF, GEF, and AF (has led the development of at least four approved full proposals from major vertical climate funds)
 - Extensive experience in developing high-quality proposals for vertical climate funds, with a proven track record of successful funding applications, contextual experience in fragile settings etc.
 - Expertise in developing comprehensive cross-sectoral climate change rationales for adapting social services, including health, education, nutrition, WASH, child protection, and social protection
 - Ability to manage multiple workstreams, coordinate with diverse stakeholders, and deliver outputs under tight timelines.
 - **Language requirements:** Fluency in English required; knowledge of additional UNICEF regional languages is an advantage.
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