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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

Title	Funding Code:	Type of engagement	Duty Station:
International consultancy: Resilience	N/A	Consultant	Cambodia
and vulnerability of households in Cambodia			Remote; home- based
to socio-economic shocks - Study			

Purpose of Activity/Assignment: In-depth Study of the determinants and pathways in which vulnerability and resilience has shaped the experience of Cambodian households during economic shocks over the almost 3-year period.

Scope of Work:

In collaboration with members of the project team, the consultant is expected to develop an analytical framework and data analysis plan, undertake analysis and develop a quality report using SEIA quasi-panel data. The analysis is expected to provide answers to the following research questions:

- What are the key factors and/or drivers of resilience, patterns of coping, and pathways to recovery, by profiling households that have managed to maintain and/or improve their socio-economic outcomes during and by the end of the study? What positive coping strategies and behaviours have contributed to these outcomes? What are the key characteristics/profile of resilient households?
- What are the factors and/or drivers of vulnerability leading to households being unable to maintain their socio-economic outcomes or to recover, that led longer term negative coping pathways? What are the key characterstics/profile of most affected and vulnerable households during the study? What are the most prominent dimensions of deprivations and their overlaps contributing to increased vulnerability of households with low outcomes and ability to cope?
- What type of resilience and coping strategies are likely to have highest impact of social and development outcomes of households and children? Which resilience and coping strategies can be generalized into recommendations for policy makers to minimize negative impacts and to promote recovery and increased resilience, following the key vulnerable groups included in the survey?

While using the SEIA panel survey data as a primary source of data for analysis, the consultant is expected to review a limited number of available recent datasets, including the market survey data, selected indicators from the national socio-economic (CSES) and DHS data to broaden the narrative of the analysis and to triangulate the study findings and assumptions.

Given complexity and richness of the data set containing data on more than 200 indicators, the consultant will be expected: to review the datasets in order to confirm feasibility of responding the key research questions, and to propose supplementary data analysis in support of more robust recommendations and conclusions of the analysis.

The consultant will propose the initial analytical framework with any changes in research questions. Given that the SEIA survey purposefully oversamples certain vulnerable groups, the analysis on resilience and vulnerability is expected to inform the development of the social protection programmes. Hence, the consultant will determine the key vulnerable groups for analysis, in consultation with project partners, as well as certain indicators that may need to be prioritized in order to develop specific social protection responses/strategies.

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Child Safeguarding		
Is this project/assignment considered as " <u>Elevated Risk Role</u> " from a child safeguarding perspective?		
YES X NO If YES, check all that apply:		
Direct contact role YES NO		
If yes, please indicate the number of hours/months of direct interpersonal contact with children, or work in their immediately physical proximity, with limited supervision by a more senior member of personnel:		
Child data role VES X NO		
If yes, please indicate the number of hours/months of manipulating or transmitting personal-identifiable information of children (name, national ID, location data, photos):		
More information is available in the <u>Child Safeguarding SharePoint</u> and <u>Child Safeguarding FAQs and Updates</u>		

		Request for: New SSA – Individual Contract Extension/ Amendment		
Consultant sourcing:				
🗌 National 🔀 International 🗌 Both				
Competitive Selection:				
Advertisement Roster				
Single Source Selection [] (Emergency - Director's approval)				
If Extension, Justification for extension:				
Supervisor: Chief Social Policy	Start Date: 10 July 2023	End Date: 10 September 2023		

Work A	Assignments Overview	Deliverables/Outputs	Delivery deadline	Estimated Budget
fi n s ir v	An inception report including an analytical ramework, suggested research questions, methodology and plan for analysis, and a summary of a desk review identifying factors influencing the household resilience, vulnerability, and recovery from economic shocks.	Inception Report	25 July 2023	N/A
	Conduct statistical data analysis to answer he research question	Statistical/methodology report and ppt with preliminary findings	15 August 2023	N/A
р	Prepare report and presentation/s to present the findings of the data analysis by argeting a wide audience	Final report and ppt presentation	10 September 2023	N/A
	Total			N/A

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Minimum Qualifications required*:	Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required *:			
☐ Bachelors	 Knowledge of Stata or R AND Excel (10 points) Experience with analyzing panel/longitudinal or complex data sets (20 points) Experience in socio-economic analysis; analysis of vulnerability and poverty an asset (20 points) Quality of past work (examples of past work to be shared) (20 points) 			
*Minimum requirements to consider candidates for competitive process	*Listed requirements will be used for technical evaluation in the competitive process			
Evaluation Criteria (This will be used for the <u>Selection Report</u> (for clarification see <u>Guidance)</u>				
 A) Technical Evaluation maximum 100 Points; weight 70%) Degree Education in Economics, development economics, social sciences, public health, international development, public policy, research methods, or another relevant technical field where research methods including quantitative research methods were an integral part of the training (20 points) Knowledge of Stata or R AND Excel (10 points) Experience with analyzing panel/longitudinal or complex data sets (20 points) Experience in socio-economic analysis; analysis of vulnerability and poverty an asset (20 points) Quality of past work (examples of past work to be shared) (20 points) B) Financial Proposal (maximum of 100 Points; weight 30%) 				
Administrative details: Visa assistance required:	If office based, seating arrangement identified: IT and Communication equipment required: Internet access required:			

¹ Costs indicated are estimated. Final rate shall follow the "best value for money" principle, i.e., achieving the desired outcome at the lowest possible fee. Consultants will be asked to stipulate all-inclusive fees, including lump sum travel and subsistence costs, as applicable.

Payment of professional fees will be based on submission of agreed 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

Text to be added to all TORs:

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