**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

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| **Title:**Enhancing the evidence base to support advocacy efforts in strengthening, institutionalizing and scaling-up of Disability Service Units | **Duty Station:**UNICEF Indonesia, Jakarta Office (Home Based) |

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| **Purpose of Activity/Assignment:** Children with disabilities in Indonesia are less likely to attend and complete school, across all education levels than children without disabilities. UNICEF’s Landscape Analysis on Children with Disabilities in Indonesia highlighted that only 64 per cent of children with disabilities aged 7-18 years old are attending school, compared to 92 per cent of children without disabilities[[1]](#footnote-2). While the vast majority of children without disabilities complete their primary school education (96 per cent), children with disabilities were 41 per cent less likely to complete primary school. Although laws and regulations are in place to protect the rights of children with disabilities, policies are not well implemented. The Landscape Analysis recommended a high priority in establishing a programme that can support school-based developmental screening/assessment for identification of disabilities and child-centered referral pathways and support for families. The recent launch of Ministerial Education Regulation No. 48, 2023, on the Reasonable Accommodation for Students with Disabilities in the formal early childhood education, primary, secondary and higher education serves as a guide for improving the promotion of inclusive education for children with disabilities. This policy regulation outlines the role of provisioning a Disability Service Unit (*Unit Layanan Disabilitas* - ULD) by local governments through their Education Offices to accelerate inclusive education at early, primary and secondary education levels. The ULD also functions as the centre for conducting assessments, facilitating access and referral to basic services, such as health and protection, and as a knowledge hub for schools in respective coverage areas, providing inclusive education access for children, including children with disabilities. Although still relatively new, the ULD has been established in some parts of Indonesia, notably in Solo, Gresik, Malang, and Yogyakarta, taking the initial step to rebrand what was previously known as the "Autism centre" into a more integrated Inclusive Education ULD centre for all types of disabilities.However, the new regulation has not been socialised widely yet and therefore many local governments in other parts of Indonesia are unaware of the new regulation for the establishment of ULDs. Given that it is a new mandate from the ministry, many local governments are unprepared to launch, facilitate and integrate inclusive education services into a single unit, i.e., the Disability Service Unit. A lack of best practices, step-by-step strategies, and guiding recommendations in establishing ULDs also contributes to the low establishment of these units in different parts of Indonesia. Additionally, there is confusion regarding resources, budget allocation, and priorities from local governments to focus on building the inclusive education ULDs in their areas.In the context of contributing to improvements in the quality of learning in Indonesia, including the inclusiveness of education services, as Indonesia strives for education transformation; and in consideration of UNICEF’s current work in promoting quality and inclusive early grade learning (EGL) in the Papua provinces, in partnership with the Government of Indonesia and DFAT, it is therefore important to conduct a study on the operationalization and functioning of existing ULDs to collect information on this newly integrated system for providing inclusive education for children with disabilities. This study aims to not only understand the structure and operations of existing ULDs but will also provide insights from best practices and lessons learned of existing ULDs. These recommendations will offer strategic guidance tailored to specific local contexts, budgetary resources, and the unique barriers and challenges associated with inclusive education in those areas. Furthermore, this study will support the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (MoERCT) to accelerate efforts for the establishment of ULDs as per their national targets for 2024 (50% of provinces have ULDs established).A ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group, comprising representatives from MoECRT, MoRA, National Commission for Disabilities (Komisi Nasional Disabilitas - KND), Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), teachers' groups, relevant Development Partners and UNICEF, will provide technical advice and guidance at key junctures of the drafting processes.**DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT:**The purpose of this national consultancy is to conduct an assessment to identify several models that can be replicated or scaled in various settings or scenarios for three ULDs (Underserved and Least Developed) across Indonesia. The specific locations will be determined in collaboration with government counterparts and the ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group.This assessment aims to gain deeper insights into best practices and lessons learned from already established ULDs,to promote and accelerate the establishment of ULDs across the country for more inclusive education opportunities for children with disabilities. |
| **Scope of Work:**The national consultant will work in liaison with a wide range of national and sub-national stakeholders, to prepare three different ULD models that will inform the development of ULDs in different contexts (e.g. functioning in high resource/high capacity and low resource/limited capacity environments). A ULD inclusive education reference group, comprising representatives from MoECRT, MoRA, National Commission for Disabilities (Komisi Nasional Disabilitas - KND), Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), teachers' groups, relevant Development Partners and UNICEF, will provide technical advice and guidance at key junctures of the drafting processes. As part of this work, the national consultant is expected to closely coordinate and work with UNICEF’s Disability Inclusion Team and Education Team, who would provide general coordination support (i) to collect data and conduct on site consultation and documentation in three different locations in Indonesia; (ii) to review the related laws and regulations on the establishment of ULDs; (iii) to develop a protocol for the assessment to develop three different ULD models and to analyse collected data and identify key insights and best practices; and (iv) to prepare a strategic brief for ULD establishment, and presentation materials for the policy/advocacy dialogue. The national consultant will also prepare, as needed, other briefing notes, documents and reports associated with the main task, and provide technical support for other coordination activities (for example lead an in-depth analysis session/s with the ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group based on data collected), as necessary.The assignment consists of two interconnected parts: **PART 1: Development of three ULD models**1. Define criteria for selecting the three Inclusive Education ULDs to be assessed in the modelling exercise.
2. Desk review of ULD available literature (incl. best practices from other countries)
3. Identify key stakeholders and relevant actors to be interviewed for data collection process (e.g. school principals, ULD staff, Education Dinas, Primary Health Services, District Social Service, etc).
4. Develop a comprehensive questionnaire tailored for the Inclusive Education ULD assessment, which will comprise of both quantitative and qualitative data.
5. Conduct on-site visits to the chosen ULDs, systematically collecting and compiling data and evidence with identified stakeholders.
6. Analyze key insights and findings from the data collection as a starting point to formulate ULD costed strategic brief.
7. Provide technical support for ULD Inclusive Education Reference group coordination (i.e. preparing presentation materials, facilitate discussions), comprising of key partners, to provide input and feedback on key deliverables (e.g. ULD selection criteria, initial insights and findings from data collection).

**PART 2: Support high level policy dialogue at national/sub-national level to effectively promote and disseminate the key findings of the assessment.**1. Conduct workshop with ULDs, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and key actors to validate the findings and formulate recommendations for the strategic brief.
2. Develop a costed strategic brief encompassing crucial findings, three ULD models, and step by step guidance for the ULD establishment according to different scenarios. This brief will integrate insights from the ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group and will aim to provide pathways and foundational elements for successful ULD implementation, rather than promoting one 'ideal' ULD model. This documentation will serve as a catalyst to expedite the establishment of Inclusive Education ULDs across various provinces in Indonesia.
3. Prepare presentation materials and support the discussions during policy dialogue at national level and in selected districts to be organized by UNICEF to promote and disseminate key findings of the assessment and the strategic ULD models and brief.
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| **Supervisor:****Celine Herbiet, Gender, Adolescent, and Disability Inclusion Specialist** | **Start Date:****15 March 2024 -**  | **End Date:****15 November 2025** | **Number of Days (working):** **50** |
| **Deliverables/Outputs (incl. Tasks/Milestone):** | **Timeline** | **Deadline[[2]](#footnote-3)** | **Estimate Budget****(in %)** |
| **Deliverable #1:** A concise Inception Report (max. 15 pages), excluding annexes.* Selection criteria for the ULD assessment selection
* Desk review (limited) of available literature on ULD (laws and regulations, incl. best practices from other countries)
* Identify key stakeholders and actors to be interviewed during Inclusive Education ULD assessment.
* Tailored questionnaire
* draft key questions, data collection tools and PowerPoint presentations as needed for the various planned partner consultations.
* Recommendations for ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group
 | 8 days | 30 March 2024 | 10 per cent |
| **Deliverable #2**: Consultation report outlining initial findings from the ULD assessment of approximately 20 pages, excluding annexes.* A summary of the series of consultations that were organized.
* Compile and summarise specific and contextual barriers and opportunities that affect achievement of the assessed ULDs.
* Compile and document case studies/stories to illustrate how the assessed ULDs perform their functions
* Develop three ULD models, scenarios and recommendations for future actions to drive the acceleration of Inclusive Education ULDs in different context (i.e., moderate-resources, low-resources)
* PowerPoint presentations that will be presented to ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group (Bahasa Indonesia and English)
* Site Report documenting a series of assessment and observation activities in the field.
* Presentation of the consultation to reference group and key stakeholders
* Includes two rounds of feedback from reference group and stakeholders to finalize the consultation report.
 | 25 days | 30 June 2024 | 35 per cent |
| **Deliverable #3:** A final draft of the ULD Modelling Report * Provide technical support for reference group coordination (preparing presentation, facilitating discussion), comprising of key partners, and present the final ULD Modelling report.
* ULD Report comprises three models, scenarios or pathways for ULD establishment. Prepare PowerPoint presentation that will be presented to sub-national governments (Bahasa Indonesia and English version)
 | 3 days | 31 July 2024 | 25 per cent |
| **Deliverable #4:** A final costed ULD Strategic Brief incorporating feedback from national and sub-national policy dialogues.* Lead and facilitate a multi-day workshop with ULDs, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and key actors to co-create and formulate recommendations for the strategic brief
* Presentation materials on the ULD Strategic Brief for policy dialogue at national level and in selected Provide inputs to any technical guidance developed in reference with the findings of the modelling exercise
 | 14 days | 31 December 2024 | 30 per cent |
| **Total** | **50 days** |  |  |

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| **Deliverable** | **Payment schedule** |
| Deliverable #1: Inception report | 10 per cent |
| Deliverable #2: Consultation report outlining findings and incorporating feedback from ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group | 35 per cent |
| Deliverable #3: A final draft of the ULD Modelling Report submitted to ULD Inclusive Education Reference Group | 25 per cent |
| Deliverables #4: A final ULD Strategic Brief incorporating feedback from national and sub-national policy dialogues | 30 per cent |

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| **Minimum Qualifications required:** | **Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:** |
| [ ]  Bachelors [x]  **Masters** [ ] PhD [ ]  Other Enter DisciplinesAdvanced university degree in the fields of education, social science and any related fields. | * At least 8 years of relevant experience in inclusive education programme, disability inclusion and policy formulation
* Strong understanding of disability inclusion landscape in Indonesia
* Experience in undertaking education sector related research in Indonesia, including comprehensive data collection and analysis.
* Experience in facilitating consultation of key education stakeholders and disability inclusion networks (e.g., OPDs) at both national and subnational levels with proficient use of both Bahasa Indonesia and English.
* Familiarity of inclusive education under Merdeka Belajar Education Reform Agenda is an advantage.

**Technical Knowledge:** * Strong knowledge of education, with specific focus on inclusive education programming and policy development.

**Competencies:*** Strong analytical and conceptual thinking.
* Excellent writing, communication and presentation skills with stakeholders.
* Good analytic and report writing skills.
* Good reputation in capacity development of government counterparts, including facilitation of structured group work and activities.
* Ability to work under pressure and commitment to work to tight timeframe.

**Language:*** Fluency in both written and spoken Bahasa Indonesia and English
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1. UNICEF (2023) “Empowering Every Child: Embracing Diversity and Inclusion for All; Landscape Analysis on Children with Disabilities in Indonesia” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Deadlines to be revised prior to entering into contract. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)