

**United Nations Children's Fund** 

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

TITLE:	FUNDING CODE	TYPE OF ENGAGEMENT:	DUTY STATION:
	(WBS AND		South Sulawesi Province
National Consultant: Scaling up the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM)	GRANT/FUND ID)	☐ Individual Consultant (ZCON) ☐ Individual Contractor Part-Time ☐ Individual Contractor Full-Time	DURATION: 1 March 2022 – 31 January 2023 (11 months)
Program in the context of Covid-19 pandemic			

#### **PURPOSE OF ACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:**

The purpose of this assignment is to support UNICEF and the Province and District Health Offices in scaling up the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) program in South Sulawesi Province in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant is expected to provide solid technical advice and policy advocacy support to the subnational government. The assignment is in line with UNICEF Country Programme Action Plan 2021-2025 to support the following outcome and output area:

- **Outcome 1.1**: Women and children have more equitable access to evidence-based nutrition services and adopt appropriate care practices across the life cycle from pregnancy to adolescence.
- Output 1.2. Care for Wasted Children

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Wasting is a form of malnutrition characterized by thinness, which affects an estimated 6.2 million children under five years in Indonesia. Indonesia currently has the fourth-highest burden of child wasting in the world with more than 2 million children being severely wasted. Of all forms of child malnutrition, it is the most dangerous type with the highest mortality risk. Specifically, severe wasting increases the risk of death in children up to 12 times and requires treatment to restore metabolic functions and regain body weight. The Government of Indonesia has expressed a strong commitment to address child wasting and included wasting as one of the main development indicators in the National Medium-term Development Plan 2020–2024 with a target to reduce wasting prevalence to <7 percent by 2024. However, the disrupted food supply chains, income loss, and reduced access to health services due to COVID-19 has led to further increase in the number of malnourished children in Indonesia.

To address this challenge, UNICEF has been supporting the national and sub-national government in scaling up the integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM), a life-saving program to prevent and treat child wasting, by integrating it within the existing health system. Substantial efforts have been made to support the government in improving the coverage and quality of the IMAM program since 2019, with actions focusing on strengthening mass screening of malnutrition by integrating the mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) measurement into primary and community healthcare services and introducing various innovative approaches. For instance, UNICEF has promoted a 'family-led MUAC' approach, a home-based MUAC assessment by mothers and caregivers in more than 20 districts, including in selected districts across South Sulawesi Province.

In 2022 UNICEF will continue to provide intensive technical support to the sub-national government, as more districts are planning to implement the IMAM services. Against this backdrop, UNICEF is seeking a national consultant to support the IMAM program scale-up in South Sulawesi Province.

# \*Work Assignment Overview (SMART)

## Scope of Work:

The IMAM consultants will facilitate the scale-up of the IMAM program by supporting i) the provincial and district government in IMAM strategy development (planning, budgeting, and implementation), advocacy, coordination, capacity building, and scaling up innovative approaches; and ii) respective local authorities in implementing the IMAM program with quality and coverage.

The consultant will be requested to:

Support the institutionalization of IMAM services into existing health systems in South Sulawesi Province



- 2. Support and facilitate the implementation and scale up of family MUAC approach (i.e. program implementation, capacity building, multi-sectoral coordination, data collection, and documentation) in selected districts in South Sulawesi Province
- 3. Support and facilitate the implementation and scale up of early identification and referral of child wasting in Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centers (i.e. program implementation, capacity building, multi-sectoral coordination, data collection, and documentation) in South Sulawesi Province

The key tasks and indicative timeline are provided below. The timeline can be adjusted in agreement with UNICEF as long as the tasks are completed by 31 January 2023. The tasks will be conducted in close collaboration with the UNICEF Nutrition Team the Field Offices and in Jakarta

Supervisor:	Start Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> March	End Date: 31 January	Number of months:
	2022	2023	11 months
The selected consultant will be supervised directly by Nutrition Officer Makasar FO and Nutrition Specialist Jakarta under general guidance from the Chief of Field Office and Chief of Nutrition			



Task/Milestone		Deliverables/Outputs	Timeline Estimate budget
1.	Support the institutionalization of IMAM services into existing health systems in <b>South Sulawesi Province.</b>	<ul> <li>a. MUAC screening integrated into monthl services</li> <li>b. Screening and treatment data of che wasting integrated into the existing nursystem (e.g. E-PPGBM)</li> <li>c. Supported capacity building of health shand key stakeholders on IMAM</li> <li>d. Supported community mobilization effor prevention, early detection, referral, and child wasting cases</li> <li>e. Submitted final report (in ppt and narrecommendations and lessons learned</li> </ul>	January 2023  Staff, CHVs,  ort for d follow-up
2.	Support and facilitate the implementation of family MUAC approach (i.e. program implementation, capacity building, multisectoral coordination, data collection, and documentation) in selected districts South Sulawesi Province.	<ul> <li>Facilitated consultation workshop on Farapproach</li> <li>Family MUAC approach being implement</li> <li>Supported the local government, IPs, are in documenting relevant best practices</li> </ul>	January 2023
3.	Support and facilitate the implementation of early identification and referral of child wasting in Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centers in South Sulawesi Province	<ul> <li>a. Early identification and referral of child in ECD centres implemented</li> <li>b. Conducted cascade training on early identification and referral of child was centres</li> <li>c. Established and nurtured multisectora coordination on early identification an of child wasting in ECD centres</li> <li>d. Supported the local government, Implementation (Ips), and UNICEF in document relevant best practices</li> </ul>	January 2023  ting in ECD  I d referral ementing

Minimum Qualifications required:	Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:		
Bachelors Masters PhD Cother  Field of nutrition, public health, community development, or any related fields	<ul> <li>At least 3 years of experience in the field of nutrition, public health, community development, or any related fields</li> <li>Knowledge and experience on integrated management acute malnutrition (IMAM) and Infant Young Child Feeding (IYCF) will be an advantage</li> <li>Previous working experience in South Sulawesi Province will be an advantage</li> <li>Previous working experience in providing technical support to the government on policy and local budget planning on nutrition, health, or other fields will be an advantage</li> <li>Experience working with various stakeholders including local government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), agencies, and experts, and understand the working system and values of the government</li> <li>Knowledge and skills on computer use, such as Microsoft Office, including graphics</li> <li>Ability to communicate in both written and oral Bahasa Indonesia, while the ability to speak and write well in English would be a strong advantage</li> <li>Ability to work independently without secretarial support and experience in supporting government financial systems and basic administration</li> <li>Knowledgeable of the latest development issues and national policy.</li> </ul>		