

United Nations Children's Fund

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

TITLE: DUTY STATION: East Java Province

National Consultant: Scaling up the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) Program in the context of Covid-19 pandemic

DURATION: 15 March 2022 – 15 February 2023 (11

months)

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 East Java Province in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Wasting prevalence in East Java is 6.4% in 2021 percent (SSGBI 2021). This prevalence account for an estimated of 460,898 children under -five suffered of wasting.

To address this challenge, UNICEF has been supporting the Government of East Java 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 six districts East Java.

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 one national consultant to support the IMAM program scale-up in East Java Province.

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:

- 1. Support the institutionalization of IMAM services into existing health systems in East Java 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 district in **East Java 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 December 20215 February 2022. The tasks will be conducted in close collaboration with the UNICEF Nutrition Officer in Surabaya Field Office and Nutrition Specialist in Jakarta.

Supervisor:	Start Date: 15 th March 2022	End Date: 15 February 2023	Number of months: 11
The selected consultants will be supervised directly by Nutrition Officer Surabaya FO and Nutrition Specialist Jakarta under general guidance from the Chief of Field Office and Chief of Nutrition			months

ask/Milestone		Deliverables/Outputs		Timeline	
1.	Support the institutionalization of	a.	MUAC screening integrated into	March 2022 –	
	IMAM services into existing health		monthly Posyandu services	Feb 2023	
	systems in East Java Province .	b.	Screening and treatment data of child severe wasting integrated into		
			the existing nutrition data system		
			(e.g. E-PPGBM)		
		c.	Supported capacity building of		
			health staff, CHVs, and key		
			stakeholders on IMAM		
		d.	Supported community		
			mobilization effort for prevention,		
			early detection, referral, and		
			follow-up child wasting cases		
		e.	Submitted final report (in ppt and		
			narrative) with recommendations		
			and lessons learned		
2.	Support and facilitate the	a.	Facilitated consultation workshop	March 2022 –	
	implementation of family MUAC		on Family MUAC approach	Feb 2023	
	approach (i.e. program	b.	Family MUAC approach being		
	implementation, capacity building,		implemented		
	multi-sectoral coordination, data	c.	Supported the local government,		
	collection, and documentation) in selected districts in East Java,		IPs, and UNICEF in documenting relevant best practices		
	Province.		relevant best practices		
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Minimum Qualifications required:	Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:
	 At least 3 years of experience in the field of nutrition, public health, community development, or any related fields Knowledge and experience on integrated management acute malnutrition (IMAM) and Infant Young Child Feeding (IYCF) will be an advantage Previous working experience in East Java Province will be an advantage 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 will be an advantage 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 is required Knowledge and skills on computer use, such as Microsoft Office, including graphics 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 Ability to work independently without secretarial support and experience in supporting government financial systems and basic administration Knowledgeable of the latest development issues and national policy.