

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

<p>TITLE:</p> <p>National Consultant: Scaling up the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) Program in the context of Covid-19 pandemic</p>	<p>DUTY STATION: Central Java Province</p> <p>DURATION:</p> <p>15 March 2022 – 15 February 2023 (11 months)</p>
<p>PURPOSE OF ACTIVITY/ASSIGNMENT:</p> <p>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 Central Java 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.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To address this challenge, UNICEF has been supporting the Government of Central 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 more than 6 districts.</p> <p>In 2022 UNICEF will continue to provide intensive technical support to the Central Java 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 Central Java Province.</p> <p>Scope of Work:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The consultant will be requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the institutionalization of IMAM services into existing health systems in Central 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 Central 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 15 February 2023. 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 March 2022	End Date: 15 February 2023	Number of months: 11 months
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			

***Work Assignment Overview (SMART)**

Task/Milestone	Deliverables/Outputs	Timeline	
1. Support the institutionalization of IMAM services into existing health systems in Central Java Province .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MUAC screening integrated into monthly Posyandu services 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 	March 2022 – Feb 2023	
2. Support and facilitate the implementation of family MUAC approach (i.e. program implementation, capacity building, multi-sectoral coordination, data collection, and documentation) in selected districts in Central Java, Province .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Facilitated consultation workshop on Family MUAC approach b. Family MUAC approach being implemented c. Supported the local government, IPs, and UNICEF in documenting relevant best practices 	March 2022 – Feb 2023	

Minimum Qualifications required:

Bachelors Masters PhD Other

Enter Disciplines: Nutrition, Public health, Community development, or any related fields

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 Central 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
- 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
- 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.