

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

Title National Consultant: Strengthening maternal nutrition program in Indonesia	Duty Station: Jakarta
Purpose of Activity/Assignment: To support UNICEF and the government in strengthening maternal nutrition program in Indonesia	
Background <p>Despite rapid economic growth in the last few decades, maternal and child malnutrition remains a public health challenge in Indonesia. Nearly half (49%) of pregnant women suffer from anemia and almost one in five are thin (Risksdas, 2018). It is well established that the nutritional status of pregnant women has strong influence on their pregnancy and birth outcomes, with anemic and malnourished pregnant women having a higher risk of giving birth to low-birth-weight babies, which leads to stunted growth of the offspring. Anemic pregnant women also have a higher risk of hemorrhage during labor, which increases the risk of maternal mortality.</p> <p>The Indonesian government has implemented various programs to improve maternal nutrition during pregnancy, which includes provision of daily Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) tablets during pregnancy, food supplementation in the form of high energy biscuits or dried rations, along with counseling during the antenatal care for pregnant women. However, the coverage and compliance of these programs remain low. Evidence has suggested that the low coverage and compliance of maternal nutrition programmes might be due to inadequate counseling from health workers, low awareness of the benefit of maternal nutrition services, and lack of program monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>In response, UNICEF has initiated the efforts to strengthen maternal nutrition programs in Indonesia by implementing a relevant landscape analysis and a situational assessment on Mother Support Group (MSG) platform. The landscape analysis was designed to assess the current policy and programmatic context, and the barriers and enabling factors of maternal nutrition programmes, particularly in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. The situational analysis on MSG platform was designed to understand its implementation and develop recommendations to strengthen the platform. Based on those studies, UNICEF aims to support the government in developing strategies and recommendations to strengthen maternal nutrition interventions. Furthermore, UNICEF has agreed to support the government to design an innovative and evidence based SBCC (Social Behavioural Change Communication) strategy on maternal nutrition as part of the efforts to generate demand on maternal nutrition program in Indonesia. To support these initiatives, UNICEF Indonesia is seeking a national consultant with experience in maternal/women's nutrition program to support the government and relevant stakeholders in implementing the activities.</p> Scope of Work: The consultant will be requested to support UNICEF maternal nutrition programmes in close coordination with the government and other key stakeholders, with a specific focus on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support high-level advocacy and coordination with the government and other key stakeholders in the development and implementation of recommendations and strategies to improve maternal nutrition in Indonesia 2. Support the modeling of MSG in Aceh province 3. Support the government and UNICEF partners in the development of Social Behavioural Change Communication intervention strategy on maternal nutrition 	

Supervisor:	Start Date:	End Date:	Number of Days (working)
Airin Roshita	18 April 2022	31 March 2023 (or 11.5 months after the contract is signed)	11.5 months

*Work Assignment Overview (SMART)			
Tasks/Milestone:	Deliverables/Outputs:	Timeline	Estimate Budget
1. Support high-level advocacy and coordination with the government and other key stakeholders in the development and implementation of recommendations and strategies to improve maternal nutrition in Indonesia (including workshops, capacity development, knowledge management etc)	Workshop reports, which include key recommendations on maternal nutrition strategies and the way forward	Workshop report in May 2022	Monthly salary
	Roadmap and strategies of implementation for maternal nutrition programme based on the agreed priorities	Roadmap and strategies in July 2022	
	Monthly report which includes results of advocacy and coordination with government and relevant stakeholders	Monthly report	
	Desk review report on maternal nutrition studies and interventions implemented in Indonesia and other countries, which include but not limited to local food supplementation (cooked meals program, linear programming, food based dietary guidelines etc)	Desk review results in May 2022	
	Documentation of best practices on maternal nutrition interventions in selected districts in Indonesia	Documentation of best practices in Dec 2022	
2. Support the modeling of MSG in Aceh province, including the development and finalization of modules, tools, monitoring and evaluation and development of scale-up strategies	Pre-testing report of the module and tools	Pre-testing report in June 2022	Monthly salary
	Report of the modelling	Report of the modelling in Dec 2022	
	Finalized nutrition module and tool kits for MSG	Finalized nutrition module and tool kits for MSG in August 2022	

3. Support the government and UNICEF partners in the development of Social Behavioural Change Communication intervention strategy on maternal nutrition	Monthly report	April 2022 – March 2023	Monthly salary
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Minimum Qualifications required: <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enter Disciplines: Nutrition or Public Health Nutrition	Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Post graduate degree in nutrition or public health sciences with a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience in maternal or women reproductive age nutrition programme</i> • <i>Have strong communication and advocacy skills</i> • <i>Have experience working with UN agencies or international organizations</i> • <i>Fluency in English</i>
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