

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title:	Procurement Services & Supply Chain Strengthening Specialist
Level:	P3
Contract Type:	Temporary Appointment
Duration:	364 days
Duty Station:	Ouagadougou
Reporting to:	Supply & logistics Manager

1. Justification

UNICEF is a strategic partner for Burkina Faso Government for the mobilisation of essential supplies for children. This includes the procurement of vaccines, cold chain and medical equipment's and kits; oxygen plants; diagnostic material, for an average of 30 mio USD per year through national funding or partnerships with donors or global alliance (GAVI; World Bank;). The response to the COVID-19 requires to further develop capacities and expand national supply chains to deliver immunization services and oxygen therapy in the most remote locations. The national programmes capacity to deliver supplies is impacted by the deterioration of the security context. Resilient national health supply chains must be established.

Under the direct supervision of the Supply and logistics Manager, and in close collaboration with programme teams (health, immunization and nutrition) the incumbent will support the Burkina Faso country programme activities towards the strengthening of the countries supply chains with a primary objective of optimizing the timely, equitable and continuous access to services and products.

2. Purpose of this assignment

In a technical advisory role, the incumbent will be responsible for the mobilisation of essential supplies by the Government through the Procurement Service (PS) modality and for strengthening national supply chains.

He / she will engage with governments, donors and partners to influence mobilization, allocation and utilization of financial resources to strengthen governments procurement and supply chain management capacity.

3. Major responsibilities

1. Supporting Burkina Faso Country Offices to establish and develop the contact with relevant government counterparts, donors and partners in respect of Supply Chain Strengthening, financing, and promoting partnership activities for essential supplies for children.

2. Coordinate Procurement Service (PS) activities with the MoH (various directions and national programmes); Donors (GAVI, World Bank, ...) and Unicef Supply Division for the timely mobilization of essential supplies for children by the Government through Unicef (vaccines, medical and cold chain equipments, nutrition supplies).
3. Contributing through technical advice to the strengthening of the government supply chain system, including by supporting the integration of nutrition, immunization, humanitarian response and health commodities supply chain activity within the MOH structure.
 - Identify and map bottlenecks and gaps across procurement processes, including in the area of forecasting and supply planning, financing and partnerships.
 - Supporting the MoH to implement/ maintain the maturity model to track progress of the national nutrition immunization, humanitarian response, and health supply chains operations and enabling processes.
 - Facilitating the initiation of Supply Chains strengthening activities in support to partners while coordinating communication with SD and other stakeholders as required.
 - Providing technical assistance to health supply chain to improve access to nutrition, immunization, medicines, and health technologies.
 - Advocate for national funding of essential commodities through co-financing or match-funding initiatives
 - Leading evidence generation efforts across programmes and supply chains, in coordination with relevant internal and external stakeholders. This effort serves to inform the way forward for UNICEF and other partners to identify supply chain strengthening investment needs, deploy UNICEF's technical expertise and coordinate cross-partner support.
 - Performing other ad-hoc supply chain strengthening related activities as required

4. Management and Supervision

The PS/SCS Specialist will report to the Supply and logistics Manager, P4.

He / she will make the link between Supply, who is accountable for the Supply Chain pillar of the Unicef health system strengthening strategy and programme teams who are in charge of implementing this strategy for health, immunization and nutrition.

He / she will bring the Supply technical expertise in the implementation of Procurement Service and programme activities in support to the Government.

5. **Education**

An advanced university degree in Business Administration, Management, Economics, Supply Chain Management, Logistics, Procurement, Contract/Commercial Law, International Development, Health or related social science field

6. **Experience and competencies required**

A minimum of eight (5) years of progressively growing and relevant experience, at the national and international levels, in supply, logistics, procurement, contracting, administration and/or other directly related technical fields is required.

Understanding of development and humanitarian work. Emergency experience an advantage.

Health supply chain management experience an advantage.

7. **Language requirements**

Fluency in French is required (written and oral).

Good working knowledge of English (written and oral)

Knowledge of another official UN language is an asset.

8. **Competencies**

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UNICEF competencies required for this post are:

- Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness (2)
- Works Collaboratively with others (2)
- Builds and Maintains Partnerships (2)
- Innovates and Embraces Change (2)
- Thinks and Acts Strategically (2)
- Drive to achieve impactful results (2)
- Manages ambiguity and complexity (2)

Functional competencies

- Analyzing (Level 2)
- Applying technical expertise (Level 2)
- Learning and researching (Level 2)
- Planning and organizing (Level 2)

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UNICEF also adheres to strict child safeguarding principles. All selected candidates will be expected to adhere to these standards and principles and will therefore undergo rigorous reference and background checks. Background checks will include the verification of academic credential(s) and employment history. Selected candidates may be required to provide additional information to conduct a background check.