United Nations Children's Fund

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

Title	Funding Code	Type of engagement	Duty Station:
Two Consultants for WASH monitoring to be based in Houaphanh and Phongsaly province	DFAT, SC220345	 Individual Consultant full- Time Individual Contractor Part- Time Individual Contractor Full- Time 	Ou district) -Houaphanh

Purpose of Activity/Assignment:

The WASH programme seeks to hire two National Construction Engineers to support the implementation of school latrines and water supply systems in communities, in schools and in health centers, including monitoring of the WASH software component. Under the direct supervision of the WASH Specialist, and in close collaboration with Provincial/District Nam Saat, Provincial Education and Sports, Provincial PUCDA and DUCDA, the National Engineers will be responsible for overseeing the construction administration component and software component of sanitation and hygiene promotion in two northern provinces of Phongsaly and Houaphanh of Laos.

The construction of the physical facilities is being carried out through a competitive bidding process among private contractors in compliance with UNICEF's policy on procurement. UNICEF will take all necessary actions to ensure that qualified contractors are selected for the job.

While government counterparts will monitor the WASH construction, in order to ensure quality and proper construction administration, as per design specifications, UNICEF will make random quality checks prior to payment at different stages of construction, especially for the remote areas. Construction of the next stage will not proceed without clearance from UNICEF Engineers. This requires frequent supervision during the construction process. The construction component of the programme is being managed by the WASH Specialist under the guidance of the Chief WASH.

Scope of Work:

The assignment will include the following key tasks for 12 months contract:

- In consultation with all partners involved in the construction of school WASH facilities, water supply systems and hygiene and sanitation interventions in schools, communities and WASH in Emergency, the consultant will provide input/feedback for successful implementation.
- Prepare work plans with timeframe for monitoring of the construction of latrines in primary schools and community water supply systems, including scale up of hygiene and sanitation interventions in the two northern provinces.
- In close collaboration with the UNICEF Supply Officer, WASH Specialists, Provincial Nam Saat and Provincial Education Unit, provide guidance in preparation of existing technical specifications for bidding documents, Bill of Quantities (BoQ) and ensure the technical quality of the construction documents.
- Supervise and monitor at different stages the construction of school latrines, water supply systems including boreholes, gravity fed systems, including construction of Catchment Protection and Rain Water Harvesting and other water sources in respective selected schools to ensure compliance with the design documents, specifications, Bill of Quantities, construction standards (using a checklist), and timely completion.

Provide financial transaction support (DCT submission – FACE & ICE forms) to the provincial and district line departments for the implementation of projects. Provide recommendations and corrective actions in a timely manner of any constraints identified in the implementation process and properly support the O&M. Provide all information for progress reports, donor reports, routine update WASH database, develop Human Interest Story (HIS), donor visibility/logo fixing as required. Effectively communicate all issues of the implementation process to provincial counterparts and UNICEF. Systematically record any deviations from original work plan and other actions by contractors. Undertake field visit as required and provide technical support to implementation partners to monitor WASH interventions software component in schools and communities (Behaviour change component). **Child Safeguarding** Is this project/assignment considered as "Elevated Risk Role" from a child safeguarding perspective? YES 🛛 NO If YES, check all that apply: 🗌 YES 🕅 NO **Direct contact role** If yes, please indicate the number of hours/months of direct interpersonal contact with children, or work in their immediately physical proximity, with limited supervision by a more senior member of personnel: YES NO Child data role If yes, please indicate the number of hours/months of manipulating or transmitting personal-identifiable information of children (name, national ID, location data, photos): More information is available in the Child Safeguarding SharePoint and Child Safeguarding FAQs and Updates



Budget Year:	Requesting Section/ Office:	/Issuing	Reasons why co	onsultancy cannot be done by staff:
2023-2024	WASH		This is due to some constraints of travelling to the two provinces and current staff workload in the WASH section. The activities require closely follow up and monitoring to ensure that the construction met good quality and timely completed and put effort to build capacity of the government staffs in technical and financial knowledge and skills in long- terms. In total of 02 Consultants are required for the two provinces of Phongsaly and Houaphanh.	
Included in Annual/I	Rolling Workplan: 🛛 Yes 🗌] No, plea	se justify:	
Consultant sourcing				Request for:
🛛 National 🗌 Inte	rnational 🗌 Both			New SSA – Individual Contract
				Extension/ Amendment
Competitive Selection	on:			
Advertisement	CVs 🗌 Rost	er		
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If Extension, Justifica	ation for extension:			
Supervisor:		Start Da	ate: Er	nd Date:
Bandith Leuanvilay,	NASH Specialist	15 Octo	ober 2023 14	4 October 2024
			(1	2 months SSA contract in total)

Work Assignments Overview	Deliverables/Outputs	Delivery deadline	Estimated Budget (Percentage of Payment)
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Estimated Consultancy fee			
Travel International (if applicable)	NA		
Travel Local (please include travel costs, field monitoring cost in the consultancy contract as a lump sum)	 A consultant to move his/her stuffs to the district and province by his/her mode of travel and return to Vientiane at least 4 times per year travel from district town to provincial town to have meetings with Provincial health department and Education department, Conduct field monitoring in at least 12 villages and schools in the targeted district by motorbike including fuel/gasoline for the trips. 	9 Oct 23 (Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep) (Oct. – Sep)	\$
ODSA (if applicable)	NA		
Health insurance			
Mandatory insurance premium			
Total estimated consultancy costs ⁱ	(Lump sum)/Consultant		
 Submission of applications: Letter of Interest (cover letter) CV or Resume Performance evaluation reports or references of similar consultancy assignments (if available) Financial proposal: All-inclusive lump-sum cost including travel, medical insurance and accommodation cost for this assignment as per work assignment. 			
Minimum Qualifications required*:	Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required	l *:	
Bachelors Masters PhD Other Environment, Civil Engineering, technical field related to WASH is an advantage	 Bachelor or Master's Degree in Environment, Civil Engineering, technical field related to WASH Relevant experience in WASH. Work experience with international organization is an advantage. 		
*Minimum requirements to consider candidates for competitive process	*Listed requirements will be used for technical evaluation in the competitive process		
Evaluation Criteria (This will be used for the <u>Selection Report</u> (for clarification see <u>Guidance)</u>			
A) Technical Evaluation (75 Points)			



- Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Environment, Civil Engineering or any other technical field related to WASH (15 points)				
- At least 5 years relevant experiences in WASH (40 points)				
- Specific experience in working with local government or NGOs (20 points)				
B) Financial Proposal (maximum of 25 Points)				
The maximum number of points shall be allotted to the lowest Financial Proposal that is opened /evaluated and compared among those technically qualified candidates who have attained a minimum 56 points score in the technical evaluation. Other Financial Proposals will receive points in inverse proportion to the lowest price.				
The Contract shall be awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest combined technical and financial scores, subject to the satisfactory result of the verification interview.				
Administrative details:				
Visa assistance required:	If office based, seating arrangement identified: 🖂			
	IT and Communication equipment required:			
Home Based Office Based:	Internet access required:			
Request Authorised by Chief of WASH (OIC)	Request Verified by HR:			
Bandith Leuanvilay	Sintana Chanthaphone, HR officer			
Reviewed by Deputy Representative, Operations (OIC)	Approved by Deputy Representative, Programme(OIC)			
Sandeep Prasad	Janneke Blomberg			

¹ Costs indicated are estimated. Final rate shall follow the "best value for money" principle, i.e., achieving the desired outcome at the lowest possible fee. Consultants will be asked to stipulate all-inclusive fees, including lump sum travel and subsistence costs, as applicable.

Payment of professional fees will be based on submission of agreed deliverables. UNICEF reserves the right to withhold payment in case the deliverables submitted are not up to the required standard or in case of delays in submitting the deliverables on the part of the consultant

Text to be added to all TORs:

Individuals engaged under a consultancy or individual contract will not be considered "staff members" under the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and UNICEF's policies and procedures and will not be entitled to benefits provided therein (such as leave entitlements and medical insurance coverage). Their conditions of service will be governed by their contract and the General Conditions of Contracts for the Services of Consultants and Individual Contractors. Consultants and individual contractors are responsible for determining their tax liabilities and for the payment of any taxes and/or duties, in accordance with local or other applicable laws.

The selected candidate is solely responsible to ensure that the visa (applicable) and health insurance required to perform the duties of the contract are valid for the entire period of the contract. Selected candidates are subject to confirmation of fully-vaccinated status against SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) with a World Health Organization (WHO)-endorsed vaccine, which must be met prior to taking up the assignment. It does not apply to consultants who will work remotely and are not expected to work on or visit UNICEF premises, programme delivery locations or directly interact with communities UNICEF works with, nor to travel to perform functions for UNICEF for the duration of their consultancy contracts.

UNICEF offers <u>reasonable accommodation</u> for consultants with disabilities. This may include, for example, accessible software, travel assistance for missions or personal attendants. We encourage you to disclose your disability during your application in case you need reasonable accommodation during the selection process and afterwards in your assignment.