

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

Title	Type of engagement	Duty Station:
Senior Nutrition and Health Promotion Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Contractor Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Contractor Full-Time	Athens Greece, seconded to the General Secretary for Public Health, Ministry of Health
<p>Purpose of Activity/Assignment:</p> <p>UNICEF is seeking to second a Senior Nutrition and Health Promotion expert to support the General Secretary of Public Health under the Ministry of Health, with scientific expertise on the implementation of the national scale project for addressing child overweight and obesity and provide management and coordination support among all relevant stakeholders in order to achieve scientifically sound activities and methodologies across national and local interventions.</p>		
<p>Scope of Work:</p> <p>UNICEF became operational in Greece in early 2016 as an outposted team from the Regional Office of Europe and Central Asia (ECARO) to respond to the significant influx of refugee and migrant children and their families at that time. Following several years of engagement with national stakeholders, UNICEF and the Government of Greece made a decision in January 2020 to formalize the agency's presence in the country as a full-fledged Country Office. The office falls under the auspices of the UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia located in Geneva, which supports the work of 22 Country Offices within its geographical scope, reporting in turn to global headquarters in New York. Within the framework of a mandate for all children in Greece, UNICEF and Greece are now working to address the needs of all vulnerable, marginalized and left-behind children in the country.</p> <p>In the context of the Country Programme for Greece (2022-2026) approved by the UNICEF Executive Board in February 2022, UNICEF and the Government of Greece have agreed on national targets for children, concerning health, education, social protection, child protection, justice and youth employability. Regarding the health and nutrition agenda, and within the context of the National Action Plan on Public Health 2021-2025 and the National Prevention Programme "Spyros Doxiades", UNICEF is scaling up programming to address the high prevalence of child overweight and obesity in the country through the following pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) advancement of an enabling environment including strengthening regulations, policies, and strategies to promote healthy diets, practices, and services for the prevention of childhood obesity, (ii) programmes that strengthen the primary prevention of child overweight and obesity, including actions to improve nutrition in infancy and early childhood, prevention intervention programs at the school and community/municipal level, as well as developing awareness raising campaigns for social and behavioral change, (iii) interventions to enhance secondary and tertiary prevention and response programmes, (iv) establishment of a European Regional Centre on Child Obesity as a platform to enable exchange of lessons learned, good practices, and proven effective approaches to address childhood obesity among and within EU member states, (v) development of strategies and programmes focusing on achieving social and behavioral change so that children and their caregivers across Greece make more informed lifestyle choices. 		

PURPOSE OF THE JOB

In close collaboration with the responsible state authority, UNICEF is seeking to support with technical expertise the management and coordination of the National Nutrition Programme in addressing child overweight and obesity.

Under the guidance and supervision of the Nutrition Specialist and the General Secretary for Public Health, the Consultant will support the implementation of the child overweight and obesity programme in the context of the Greece Country Programme 2022-2026 already agreed with the Government, and in partnership with all relevant stakeholders and partners.

The Consultant seconded to the General Secretariat of Public Health will be responsible for providing technical assistance and support for programme design, planning and implementation, ensuring alignment with plans and agreed specific goals, objectives and targets using results-based approaches and methodologies and provide scientific and operational support throughout all stages of programming processes to ensure achievement of results as planned.

Work Assignment Overview

Tasks/Milestone:	Deliverables/Outputs:	Timeline
Technical and scientific support to programme implementation - Provide technical guidance to relevant state authorities on policies, strategies, processes and best practices on nutrition and related issues to support programme development and implementation and ensure scientifically sound delivery of results.	Monthly progress report on: 1. Technical proposal as regards the ToR for the legal and operational framework review 2. Draft TOR for establishing coordination and steering committee of the National Action to fight child obesity 3. Technical report on the revised timeframe of the National Action to fight child obesity	End May 2023
- Participate in technical discussions with national partners, and stakeholders to promote nutrition issues especially in the prevention and management of overweight and obesity. - Participate in strategic programme discussions on the planning and management of the Prevention of Overweight and Obesity programme.	Monthly progress report on: 4. Final endorsed TOR for establishing coordination and steering committee of the National Action to fight child obesity 5. Technical report on the final endorsed revised timeframe of the National Action to fight child obesity. 6. Technical report on the design of the detailed project activities per strategic partner	End June 2023

<p>- Draft policy papers, briefs and other strategic programme documents.</p> <p>- Provide scientific support throughout all stages of programming implementation to ensure achievement of results as planned.</p>	<p>Monthly progress report on:</p> <p>7. Technical ToRs for experts regarding the legal and institutional framework review</p> <p>8. Technical report on the concept note to establish the European Regional Centre to fight child obesity</p>	<p>End July 2023</p>
<p>Coordination, networking and partnership building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and sustain effective close working partnerships with nutrition sector government counterparts and national stakeholders through active sharing of information and knowledge. 	<p>Monthly progress report on:</p> <p>9. Technical report on the design and development of the school based prevention materials</p> <p>10. Technical report on the design of the promotion of physical activity at local and regional level</p>	<p>End August 2023</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely and collaboratively with colleagues and partners to discuss strategies and methodologies, and to determine national priorities/competencies to ensure the achievement of concrete and sustainable results. 	<p>Monthly progress report on:</p> <p>11. Technical inputs provided to the legislative and operational framework review and recommendations</p> <p>12. Technical input on the scientific activities of establish the European Regional Centre to fight child obesity</p>	<p>End September 2023</p>
<p>Innovation, knowledge management and capacity building</p> <p>- Keep abreast, research and propose best and cutting-edge practices in nutrition management and information systems. Assess and share best practices and knowledge.</p> <p>- Contribute to the development and implementation of policies and procedures to ensure optimum efficiency and sustainability of achieved results.</p>	<p>Monthly progress report on:</p> <p>13. Technical input provided to the development of the study regarding the dietary patterns of parents and children and the relevant methodology</p> <p>14. Technical inputs provided to material intended to inform pediatricians and promote awareness</p>	<p>End October 2023</p>
	<p>Monthly progress report on:</p> <p>15. Technical draft inputs for the national network with associated bodies of the GS of Public Health to address child overweight and obesity</p> <p>16. Technical draft report on the adjustment and delivery of prevention activities at local level through the associated bodies of the GS of Public Health.</p>	<p>End November 2023</p>

	<p>Monthly progress report on: 17. Technical input regarding the content development for digital tools and applications for healthcare professionals and parents</p>	<p>End December 2023</p>
	<p>Monthly progress report on: 18. Finalized TORs for the national network with associated bodies of the GS of Public Health to address child overweight and obesity</p>	<p>End January 2024</p>
	<p>Monthly progress report on: 19. Technical inputs to identify gaps, strengths and/or weaknesses as well as key lessons learned for program implementation.</p>	<p>End February 2024</p>
	<p>Monthly progress report on: 20. Report on technical input on the Action Plan for the promotion and delivery of prevention activities at regional and municipal level</p>	<p>End March 2024</p>
	<p>Monthly progress report on: 21. Final sustainability plan to ensure optimum use of achieved results 22. Final capacity building plan to state and non-state stakeholders on nutrition related best practices.</p>	<p>End April 2024</p>

Minimum Qualifications required:

Bachelors Masters PhD Other

Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:

- An advanced university degree in one or more of the following fields is required: nutrition, dietetics, health promotion and health education, health/nutrition research.
- A minimum of six years of professional experience in one or more of the following areas is required: nutrition, health promotion and health education, public health, nutrition research, planning and management.
- Experience in health/nutrition programme/project development and management in an academic/research organization is an asset.
- Experience in coordinating interventions for the prevention of overweight and obesity is an asset.
- Fluency in Greek and English is required.
- Knowledge and understanding of human rights/child rights.
- Experience in networking and coordination activities including public and civil society stakeholders is a plus.
- Excellent communication, facilitation and negotiation skills.
- Strong analytical and report writing skills.
- Fluency in Greek and English.
- Initiative, passion and commitment to UNICEF mission and professional values.