

## Terms of Reference

### WASH Officer – P3 – Farchana

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#### MISSION LOCATION

Farchana, Chad (with frequents movements to Adre, Ourang, Miete and other camps in the East)

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#### DURATION

6 months

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#### OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

Chad is situated at the confluence of simultaneous and overlapping conflicts in the Sahel, the Lake Chad Basin, Western Darfur, and the Central African Republic. This regional instability and insecurity directly affect Chad's operational environment and was exacerbated in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic, which severely affected the most vulnerable populations including refugees and IDPs.

Despite these challenges, Chad has always been a land of asylum. It ranks among the top 10 refugee-hosting countries in the world and is the largest in Africa.

The country currently hosts some 329,177 new arrivals (out of which some 260,390 are already "fixed" or counted). As the situation continues to be tense in Sudan, refugees continue to arrive in Chad, fleeing from Darfur region, especially El Geneina and El Fasher cities. UNHCR anticipates receiving new influxes in the coming weeks at the border, which requires to take robust actions for an adequate response. New arrivals are in dire need of protection, including child protection, GBV prevention and response, psychosocial support, education, water and sanitation, food, shelter, healthcare, basic household items.

Refugees, mostly women and children, shelter under trees in makeshift accommodations without clean water or latrines. The little stocks of food they brought are running low. Children and parents need psychosocial support.

The authorities have requested UNHCR's assistance to relocate new arrivals who have settled in villages two to six kilometres from the borders to camps.

In a **two-pronged approach**, UNHCR coordinates the emergency response at the border and the immediate relocation and assistance to refugees in camps.

- **UNHCR emergency response at the border** includes protection (fixing, pre-registration, protection and border monitoring, advocacy and training to preserve the humanitarian and civilian character of asylum, identification and assistance to people with specific needs, including unaccompanied children, elderly and pregnant women), food, nutrition screening, treatment and prevention of malnutrition, water trucking and construction of boreholes and community latrines, mobile clinic and vaccination and emergency CRI kits
- **Relocation and assistance in camps:** UNHCR will relocate refugees into existing camps and create up to five camps to accommodate new arrivals (20,000 persons/camp). Refugees in the camps will have access to all essential services. For Shelter & Core Relief Items refugees will receive shelter solutions and core relief items, including blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, foam mattresses, mosquito nets, and solar lamps.

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#### AIM OF THE MISSION

Ensure, in the Eastern zone, the establishment, monitoring and coordination of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene emergency response at entry points and relocation zones.

## MISSION OBJECTIVES

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- Establish emergency water system at entry points and relocation zones.
- Establish a proper sanitation and hygiene promotion system at entry points and relocation zones.
- Contribute to the strategy development for WASH response for entry points, existing camps, and new camps with the development of a clear timeline.
- Ensure the coordination of the WASH response with the different partners.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

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Under the supervision of the Senior Emergency Coordinator, the WASH Officer will:

- Provide assessments, designs, and ensure the implementation of potable water supply system for entry points, existing camps, and new camps in relation to the emergency response.
- Contribute to preparation of donor report and any other update/reports as required.
- Contribute to development of proposals/concept notes related to WASH based on identified needs in coordination with WASH country team and reporting section.
- Enforce compliance with minimum standards applicable in WASH sector.
- Support the development, review, update and dissemination of internationally accepted standards, policies, and guidelines within UNHCR and among partners.
- Coordinate with partners interventions in the camps and in the host communities, for synchronized response to address identified WASH needs.
- Ensure that regular, up to date assessments of beneficiary needs related to water hygiene and sanitation are undertaken.
- Elaborate appropriate designs, corrective measures, and any other recommendations to respond to WASH needs in collaboration with relevant authorities, implementing partners and UNHCR program and technical sectors at all levels.
- Consolidate and provide technical guidance and provide support to all actors on WASH related issues, to ensure that the implementation of activities/plans is in accordance with UNHCR's policies and priorities.
- Organize regular reviews of the quantity and quality of WASH services offered in the camps.
- Establish mechanisms to promote and monitor the sanitation and hygiene attitude in the refugee camps and host community.
- Participate in WASH coordination meetings as well as in technical monitoring of activities.
- Support the installation of the remote water service monitoring equipment (Real Time Monitoring) in targeted refugee camps and ensure its effective operation.
- Perform other relevant duties as required.

## PROFILE

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### Experience

- 3-5 years of previous job experience relevant to the function of Water Sanitation and Hygiene emergency project management while considering the transition to more sustainable solutions.

### Essential requirements

- Engineering (preferably MSc) in water and sanitation management, Civil Engineering, hydrogeology, hydraulics, or environmental sciences.
- Fluency in written and spoken French is Essential and working knowledge of English.
- Age, Gender, and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated, and documented in all activities throughout the assignment.

### Personal Characteristics

- Very developed team spirit and strong coordination capacities as emergency response is developed through the Refugee Coordination Model with the need to coordinate many partners (UN agencies, national and international NGOs, authorities)