

Terms of Reference

Emergency WASH Manager (SBP – P4)

Port Sudan (Sudan)

1. Justification.

Fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) began in Khartoum on 15th April 2023 and spread quickly to neighboring cities and states, Darfur, and other areas across Sudan. Over 1,800 people have been killed nationwide, at least 1,950 people injured and over 1.9 million people have displaced. Many more vulnerable children and families are trapped in conflict zones, with no means to leave and little or no access to essential services and necessities such as health care, water, protection, and food.

The WASH service needs are critical in hotspot locations, IDP/transit sites and major town hosting the people on the move. UNICEF's capacity to support in the essential WASH service delivery need and coordination has been overstretched because of staff strength gap and additional need on people with complex humanitarian response. This SBP support is therefore, needed to fill in the immediate gap to bridge while the recruitment process is finalized and to backstop the additional support required nationwide at this peak phase of the emergency. The plan is to recruit a full time WASH manager, who will takeover the responsibility and lead on the humanitarian WASH planning and response in the UNICEF Sudan team.

2. Objectives

Under the direction of UNICEF Sudan Chief of WASH, she/he will work closely with the wider WASH team in across the country, horizontal programme sections (CP, Education, H&N, Social Policy, supply and Field operation) the cluster leads, national and State level government partners, and donors as and when required to ensure a rapid, proportionate and effective response. The primary role of the Emergency WASH manager will be to take a lead role in technical co-ordination, monitoring and quality control of the humanitarian WASH service delivery in the IDP, transit cities and hotspot locations affected by the current crisis. S/he will coordinate with the various WASH team output leads for technical collaboration, planning and integrated monitoring and reporting guided by key documents like HAC/HRP.

3. Activities

Under supervision of the chief of WASH and in close collaboration with the wider WASH team, other programme sections, partners and WASH authorities, the Emergency WASH Manager will:

- Undertakes emergency related field visits to provide emergency surge capacity and monitor programmes, as well as conducts programme reviews with government counterparts and other partners. Proposes and/or undertakes action on operational procedures affecting project management and implementation. Provides technical assistance in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the emergency programme/project(s).
- Designs, prepares, implements, monitors and evaluates assigned emergency programmes and/or projects; analyse and evaluates data to ensure achievement of objectives and/or takes corrective action when necessary to meet programme/project objectives especially in the technical areas of planning and monitoring.
- Participates in the development of the emergency components of WASH work plans and provides guidance and support to the wider WASH staff to manage and implement emergency preparedness and response.
- Follow-up and actively contribute to the realization of efficient and effective implementation, monitoring, completion, and operation and maintenance of UNICEF emergency interventions at state levels.

- Participate in UNICEF and UN, NGOs and government joint assessments to assess the situation of the emergency affected population and propose actionable plans to be implemented.
- Provide weekly and monthly progress reports on UNICEF Section Chief on the situation and the progress of interventions.
- Promote and support WASH in emergency on the job capacity building for humanitarian partners, based on the mapping and understanding of available capacity.
- Under the guidance of WASH officer/ WASH specialist support robust WASH in emergency programming, from planning, Implementation, coordination, monitoring & evaluation.
- Support WASH section in conducting assessments/surveys including participation in joint missions, data collection, analysis and reporting
- Assess capacity building needs for WES, SMOH and NGO partners at state and locality level and collaboration with the supervising WASH Officer/ Specialist design needed support including the conduct of training to build partners capacity on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion.
- In coordination with MOH, WES & existing partners, support cost-effective and techno-economical designs of water supply and sanitation options
- Support the Field Offices in strengthening WASH sector monitoring by closely following up with state/localities in the operationalization of WASH IMS and Rapid-Pro;
- Participate/represent the UNICEF WASH team in humanitarian coordination/cluster meetings, coordination forums, committees, joint assessments and any other meetings as required.

4. Estimated duration of the contract and cost of consultancy

The duration of this assignment will be for 6 months.

5. Working space and supervision

The Emergency WASH managers will be based at UNICEF office in Port Sudan, with possible field missions (security and logistic premising) to the various humanitarian operation sites and will report to the WASH Section Chief.

6. Qualifications required

Advanced university degree in any of the following: Water/Civil Engineering, Environmental Health Engineering, Public Health Project management or relevant WASH specializations.

Eight (8) years of progressively responsible professional work experience at national and international levels in Humanitarian WASH project management and coordination. Three (3) years humanitarian aid experience in the WASH sector applied in emergency response operations.

The successful candidate will have experience in developing programme strategies through a review of existing data and analysis and consultation with internal and external stakeholders. The candidate should also be familiar with UNICEF Humanitarian policies and procedures including the Core Commitments for Children as well as IASC policy and guidance on cluster coordination. Experience required in integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into WASH programme. Familiarity with the context of Sudan would be an asset.

- Water supply technical options, standards and monitoring tools under humanitarian context

- High level of awareness of environmental health issues as applied to emergency settings, with special attention to the needs of women and children.
- Communicates effectively to varied audiences, including during formal public speaking.
- Good writing skills and ability to speak fluently English. Knowledge of Arabic is an asset.
- Experience to liaise with Government authorities.
- Able to work effectively in a multi-cultural environment.
- Sets high standards for quality of work and consistently achieves project goals.
- Translates strategic direction into plans and objectives.
- Analyse and integrates diverse and complex quantitative and qualitative data from a wide range of sources.
- Quickly builds rapport with individuals and groups; maintains an effective network of individuals across organizational departments.
- Identifies urgent and potentially difficult decisions and acts on them promptly.