**Terms of Reference (TOR)**

**Consultant – Cholera Expert (WASH and RCCE),** **Farchana** **-based (P4) CHAD**

**Background**

A large and complex cholera outbreak has been affecting communities across all five states of Darfur since May 2025. As of 24 September 2025, the Federal Ministry of Health has reported 12,815 cases and 358 associated deaths, underscoring both the severity of the situation and the urgent need for a sustained, well-coordinated response.

UNICEF, working in close collaboration with WHO, MSF, and other key partners, is actively responding to the outbreak through a network of implementing partners. Given the increasing number of cases and the considerable operational challenges within Darfur, UNICEF has initiated a scale-up of its response from its Field Office for West Area/Darfur, based in Farchana, Chad.

This enhanced response aims to expand access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services, strengthen risk communication and community engagement to promote prevention and early care-seeking behavior, and ensure the timely pre-positioning of critical supplies to rapidly respond to emerging hotspots.

To reinforce coordination, provide technical leadership, support field operations, and build the capacity of UNICEF’s implementing partners, UNICEF plans to deploy a Cholera Expert to Farchana. This expert will play a critical role in guiding strategy development, harmonizing partner interventions, and ensuring that the scale-up remains evidence-based, timely, and in line with global cholera control standards.

**Objective**

Provide technical leadership, coordination, and operational support to strengthen WASH and RCCE interventions, while ensuring the timely availability and effective management of cholera response supplies at the field level.

**Tasks and Responsibilities**

**1. Technical Leadership & Strategic Guidance**

* In collaboration with Public Health colleagues, WHO, government, and partners, contribute to identifying epidemic dynamics, transmission chains and their causes, and to developing strategies to interrupt transmission in the immediate, short, and medium term.
* Lead the development of the WASH contribution to the cholera response plans identifying strategies, timelines, budgets, resources, etc.
* In collaboration with RCCE, identify the required behavioral changes, preform causality analysis, identify message delivery vehicles and frequency, sequencing, etc.
* Provide evidence-based technical advice to partners, government counterparts, and UNICEF staff.
* Harmonize RCCE messaging, tools, and practices across all actors.
* Support adaptive planning in line with epidemiological trends and outbreak evolution.
* Coordinate with WHO and other actors to receiving and communicating line lists

**2. Field Operations & Response Implementation**

* Plan and supervise cholera response interventions including:
	+ Implements Case Area Targeted Interventions (CATI) and/or proposes adaptations of response approaches proven to be effective in breaking transmission chains.
	+ Water quality surveillance and disinfection including emergency chlorination of water sources.
	+ Safe household water storage and treatment, hand hygiene and personal hygiene
	+ Food hygiene
	+ Distribution of hygiene kits and hygiene promotion activities.
	+ Water trucking and other emergency water supply measures.
	+ Safe sanitation
* Monitor outbreak alerts and rapidly mobilize response in identified hotspots.
* Ensure accountability and quality control in all interventions.

**3. Capacity Strengthening & Training**

* Train and organize UNICEF’s **network of program extenders** into an **active emergency response team**, capable of rapidly supporting CATI, RCCE, and WASH activities on the ground.
* Build capacities of implementing partners and local staff through on-the-job training, mentoring, and guidance.
* Develop training materials, SOPs, and practical checklists for program extenders and partners.

**4. Coordination & Partnership Engagement**

* Represent UNICEF in inter-agency coordination forums at field level.
* Collaborate with local authorities, NGOs, and health/WASH partners to ensure complementarity of interventions.
* Advocate for integrated WASH and RCCE strategies in discussions with donors, government, and partners.
* Contribute to joint response plans, donor proposals, and situation reports.

**5. Supply & Logistics Oversight**

* Oversee the management and utilization of UNICEF cholera-related supplies in collaboration with Supply and Operations teams.
* Assess supply needs and coordinate timely replenishment and pre-positioning.
* Ensure integration of supplies across programmatic areas (Health, SBC, WASH, Education).
* Monitor accountability and reporting for cholera supplies at field level.

**6. Monitoring, Reporting & Knowledge Management**

* Develop and implement monitoring frameworks for WASH and RCCE cholera response indicators.
* Produce regular situation updates and progress reports.
* Document lessons learned, best practices, and develop recommendations for future preparedness.

**Expected Deliverables**

* Weekly updates on cholera WASH and RCCE interventions.
* Monthly technical progress reports with analysis of challenges and recommendations.
* Training plan, materials, and report on program extenders’ deployment.
* Supply monitoring dashboard for cholera interventions.
* Final report summarizing achievements, challenges, lessons learned, and strategic recommendations.

**Duration and Location**

* **Duration:** 3 months (with possible extension based on need and funding).
* **Location:** Farchana

**Reporting**

The consultant will report to the UNICEF Emergency Coordinator for the Sudan–Chad cholera response and will work closely with WASH, SBC, Supply, and Health teams in both Sudan and Chad Country Offices, as well as with government counterparts and implementing partners.

**Qualifications and Competencies (P4 Level)**

**Education**

* Advanced university degree (Master’s or equivalent) in Public Health, Environmental Engineering, WASH, Social and Behavioral Sciences, or related field.

**Experience**

* At least 8 years of progressively responsible experience in WASH in emergencies, cholera response, and/or public health emergency operations.
* Proven experience in cholera outbreak response, including CATI, chlorination, hygiene promotion, and RCCE.
* Strong background in capacity strengthening, training, and team mobilization.
* Demonstrated ability in inter-agency coordination, partnership engagement, and advocacy in humanitarian settings.
* Experience in emergency supply and logistics oversight.
* Prior work in fragile/conflict settings is highly desirable.

**Skills and Competencies**

* Strong technical expertise in cholera prevention and response (WASH & RCCE).
* Excellent planning, organizational, and analytical skills.
* Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
* Ability to work under pressure and in insecure, complex environments.
* Fluency in English and French required.

**Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

* #of program extenders trained and deployed as cholera response teams.
* % of pre-positioned cholera supplies available at field level vs. needs.
* #of RCCE sessions conducted with harmonized messaging across partners.
* Weekly monitoring reports submitted on time with actionable recommendations.
* Level of coordination achieved (measured through partner feedback and inter-agency meeting minutes).
* Quality and timeliness of final consultancy report, including lessons learned with a transition plan