



Terms of Reference

Consultancy to Develop a Strategic Concept Note for the Implementation of the Triple Nexus Initiative of the Roadmap 2020-25

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Background and rationale

The Global WASH Cluster (GWC) is a partnership of NGOs, UN agencies and other organizations, which has the primary mandate of strengthening system-wide preparedness and coordination of technical capacity to respond predictably to humanitarian emergencies and provide clear leadership and accountability in the main areas of humanitarian response in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The core priority of the GWC is to support the effective and predictable delivery of appropriate WASH for those affected by an emergency. In 2019-20 the GWC in collaboration with the Inter-Agency WASH Group (IAWG) developed the [Roadmap 2020-2025](#) to accelerate action to enhance the capacity of the WASH sector to provide high quality and accountable responses at scale, anywhere and at any time, rooted in preparedness and resilience across the continuum of the humanitarian development peace nexus (triple nexus). This came as a reply to a call to action during the High-Level Meeting held in June 2019.

Following the Learning Event “[Building Resilient WASH Systems in Fragile States](#)” the GWC and the Sanitation and Water for All Partnership (SWA) – as the two main coordination mechanisms for WASH in the humanitarian and development realms, respectively - identified tangible actions to accelerate cooperation between the platforms and to build convergence of humanitarian and development efforts in fragile states and disaster prone countries. The process was then consolidated within the framework of the Roadmap 2025 in the initiative “3.5 Triple Nexus” led by the GWC, SWA, UNICEF and the German WASH Network. An implementation plan has been developed and costed.

A stocktaking meeting will be held in February 2021 (tentative dates 11-12 Feb) to present the initiative to the broader humanitarian and development WASH sectors and to consolidate the shared vision of the initiative. At the same time the initiative aims to a) develop a partnership note as the basis to set up a

joint GWC/SWA coordination mechanism based on the Roadmap 2020-25 implementation sheet and b) to outline a 'Joint Operation Framework' (JOF). The JOF should outline a harmonized way of working for the humanitarian-development WASH sectors. At the national level it seeks to formalise the sector-wide systematic coordination and to facilitate institutionalisation and leadership. To accelerate the development and the roll out of the JOF in pilot countries, concrete actions to get the HDN progressing in fragile states and disaster-prone countries (and focusing in priority on preparedness) need to be identified.

To prepare for the event and support the process, the initiative is seeking the services of consultants with relevant and extensive expertise in WASH, preferably in both humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.

Objectives

Provide useful input to the Triple Nexus Event 2021 as a starting point for the development of the Joint Operation Framework.

Main tasks / Expected results

Under the supervision of triple nexus initiative led by the GWC, SWA, UNICEF and the German WASH Network, represented by German Toilet Organization, the consultant will be accountable for the following activities:

- 1) Draft partnership note between GWC and SWA, based on the updated roadmap proposal sheet of the Roadmap 2020-25 initiative '3.5 Triple Nexus'
- 2) Follow up with participants of the Geneva event (Dec 2019) to take stock of results and self-commitments
- 3) Draft a detailed outline for the JOF and propose list of actionable next steps for JOF development and implementation, both based on key informant interviews and/or a survey
- 4) Categorising the short-list of potential pilot countries from the SWA/GWC working paper by different contexts (cholera, conflict resolution, refugee, recurring disasters etc), highlighting the respective particularities focusing on preparedness using a standardised template. This exercise should help to demystify the triple nexus.
- 5) Identification of countries on the short list, which would be most suited for pilot roll outs of the JOF based on key-informant interviews with GWC / SWA
- 6) Present preliminary results at the Triple Nexus stock taking event in February 2021
- 7) Write report

Timeframe, duration and deliverables

Start date:	21 December 2020
End date:	28 February 2021
Number of working days:	TBD (s. estimates below)
Duty Station:	The consultancy is home-based.
Reporting to:	German Toilet Organization (as host of the secretariat of the German WASH Network)

	Key deliverable	Duration (estimates)
1	Updated Partnership Note	2 working days
2	Updated List of Self-Commitments	2 working days
3	Draft Outline and next steps for JOF development	14 working days
4	Filled standardised templates for different contexts	5 working days
5	List of countries including justification	3 working days
6	Presentation of preliminary results at triple nexus event	2 working days
7	Report	2 working days
	TOTAL	~30 working days

Remuneration: deliverable-based

1. 50% at the signature of the contract
2. 50% on completion of the final document, after approval of it by the co-leads of the triple nexus initiative

Key competences, technical background and experience required

Due to the required expertise from different disciplines we encourage joint applications from teams or consultant firms that bring together the necessary expertise from both humanitarian and development. Applications are sought from consultants, with the following profile.

- Bachelor's degree in relevant subjects like engineering, social sciences or economy and master's degree (or equivalent post graduate studies) in water and sanitation and other related fields;
- At least 10 years of experience in planning, implementing and managing humanitarian and development WASH programmes;
- Previous experience with humanitarian clusters and global multi-stakeholder partnerships highly desirable;
- Experience in developing documentation for technical audiences;
- Ability to communicate effectively to diverse audiences;
- Strong analytical and conceptual thinking;
- Proven evidence of writing skills (to send writing samples as part of the application);
- Ability to be flexible and work within tight deadlines;
- Ability to work collaboratively on research and development of technical documentation;
- Excellent verbal and written English; knowledge of French, and / or Spanish, and / or Arabic highly desirable.

Submission of applications

Interested candidates are kindly requested to apply and send the following documents by Dec 28, 2020 to Johannes.rueck@germantoilet.org

- 1) Resume and Cover Letter;
- 2) A financial proposal including fee per day including VAT (GTO is exempt from VAT)
- 3) Writing samples, preferably in relevant technical areas;
- 4) A written technical proposal of maximum two pages outlining key steps to be taken to deliver the expected results.

Remarks: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and advance to the next stage of the selection process.

