

Call for Expression of Interest

Demonstrating and Modelling Sustainable WASH service delivery in Health Care Facilities

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1 **Timeline**

Posted	Apr 14, 2023
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 30, 2023
Application Deadline	May 12, 2023
Notification of Results	May 19, 2023
Start Date	Jun 1, 2023
End Date	Jun 30, 2023

2 **Locations**

- A Ghana
 - a Central
 - b Savannah
 - c Ashanti
 - d Greater Accra
 - e Eastern

3 **Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization**

- A WASH and Environment
 - a Basic sanitation
 - b Water

4 **Issuing Agency**

UNICEF

5 **Project Background**

WASH: WASH in Institutions; WASH Sustainability; Climate and Resilience; Private Sector Participation Under the Government of Ghana- UNICEF joint country program document (CPD 2023-2027) a commitment remains to support strengthening of health and education sectors to provide appropriate, resilient, and sustainable Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services. In health service delivery in particular, effective WASH is strongly linked to improved outcomes: reduced incidence of healthcare-associated infections, reduced maternal and neonatal mortality and improved healthcare seeking behaviour. Since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, infection prevention and control (IPC) has come to the fore as a priority for the health sector. The UNICEF-GoG program mobilized resources from governments of Canada, Denmark, and Japan to address emergency needs for personal protective equipment;

improvement in vaccine delivery systems; improvement of WASH services in selected priority facilities, as well as strengthening systems for the delivery IPC-compliant health services. From 2023-2024 UNICEF and the Government of Ghana will be implementing the first rolling biennial workplan for the new CPD. Additional funding has been obtained from the Government of Canada to continue to improve health service delivery, by enhancing Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in key, priority health centres, as well as the overall resilience of regions that were most-affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes significant support for the improvement of WASH services. In line with learning from implementation over the past three years (2020-2022), the current/ up-coming initiatives also include the improvement of mainstreamed technical capacities for the management of WASH infrastructure in Health Facilities, within the Health Sector, as an important component. This also aligns with CPD priorities for improving ownership, institutional capacity, and sustainability of WASH in healthcare facilities. To this end, the CP will require facilitation support in the following areas, among others: 1. Improving frontline technical capacity; including systems for knowledge transfer to both official and casual workers. 2. Improving systems for quality assuring WASH operation and maintenance. 3. Supporting long-term infrastructure/estate planning, especially in health centres and hospital level facilities. 4. Explore models for professionalization of WASH management for improved maintenance 5. Support knowledge management, including through cluster-based communities of practice and peer reviews.

6 **Expected Results**

The results achieved under the proposed partnership are focused on demonstrating models for sustainable and resilient WASH services in health centres. Interventions under the partnership will be implemented in 3 Regions. Quantitative results in this section are therefore representative of the overall program. 1. 15 Hospitals and 30 Health Centres have improved, climate resilient WASH services a. Joint needs and feasibility assessment carried out with GHS-HASS, district and facility-level authorities, in collaboration with all other relevant actors at the national and sub-national levels b. Workplan and schedule developed along with costed BoQs for construction c. Construction/rehabilitation carried out in selected healthcare facilities 2. Operations and Maintenance systems are reinforced for sustainable IPC in facilities a. Develop O&M; manuals and masterplans for sustaining and enhancing WASH services in hospitals, including Water Safety Planning b. Train key staff on regular maintenance c. Refine and define, with key stakeholders, procedures and SOPs for operations and maintenance 3. Management systems are developed and tested in 15 districts a. Develop documentation for partnership and business models towards improving WASH O&M; in hospitals and health centres b. Validate and test appropriate model(s) above with relevant district stakeholders 4. Project learning is documented and shared a. Support knowledge sharing on WASH/IPC and O&M; amongst facilities within referral clusters b. Support sub-sector knowledge management through activities, including but not limited to, development of technical briefs and conference papers

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

1. In line with sector learning, we encourage approaches that leverage and/or build cluster-based communities of practice. 2. Expressions of interest should indicate capacity to develop partnerships and/or business models for sustained WASH/IPC. 3. All programs, including construction and rehabilitation work implemented directly or indirectly by UNICEF should be in line with our communities towards accessibility and achieving climate neutrality. 4. The budget allocated for this partnership is approximately USD 250,000. (1 USD = GHS 12.11) 5. Expressions must clearly indicate one of the three locations – Ashanti, Central or Savannah regions.

9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Clarity of activities and expected results	Clarity of activities and expected results	10
Contribution of resource	Contribution of resources	10
Experience working with UN	Experience working with UNICEF	10
Innovative approach	Innovative approach	20

Project management	Project management	10
Realistic timelines and plans	Realistic timelines and plans	5
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	15
Local experience and presence	Sector expertise and experience, including specific experience in region.	10
Sustainability of intervention	Sustainability of intervention	10

10 Attachments

Description	URL
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11 Concept Note Template

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