

### Call for Expression of Interest

# TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO PROVIDE SAFELY MANAGED AND CLIMATE RESILIENT WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) SERVICES IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES

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## 1 **Timeline**

Posted	Sep 15, 2023
Clarification Request Deadline	Sep 15, 2023
Application Deadline	Sep 26, 2023
Notification of Results	Oct 2, 2023
Start Date	Oct 20, 2023
End Date	Sep 30, 2024

## 2 **Locations**

- A Nepal
  - a Madhesh

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

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

## 4 **Issuing Agency**

UNICEF

## 5 **Project Background**

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services are critical for the improving health of people and the planet. They are at the center of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda with a distinct Goal (SDG 6) and its corresponding targets 6.1 and 6.2 aiming for universal, sustainable, and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030. The SDG target no. 3.8 envisions universal health coverage, which includes access to safe, quality, and affordable essential WASH services in healthcare facilities. Additionally, target 4.a.1 pertains to children, people with disabilities, and gender-sensitive WASH facilities to create inclusive and effective learning environments. In Nepal, 'access to clean water and safe sanitation' is enshrined as one of the fundamental rights of citizens in its federal

constitution, which was promulgated in 2015. This demonstrates a strong commitment to ensuring that no one is excluded from these essential services. The Government of Nepal has officially endorsed the WASH Act in 2022 and WASH Policy in 2023. The draft WASH Sector Development Plan (2016-2030) aligns with the federal structure of the WASH sector, while the WASH regulation and hand hygiene roadmap are currently in the process of being endorsed. The WASH sector in Nepal is dedicated to achieving climate resilience and providing safely managed water and sanitation services for all. It also places significant emphasis on supporting the poor, promoting inclusion of women, children, disadvantaged and minority groups, as well as persons with disabilities. Nepal has made significant strides in providing basic water supply services, with a coverage rate of 95 percent in 2019. However, the access to safely managed drinking water facilities remains at 19 percent, while 76 percent of the population has access to basic drinking water facilities, and approximately 2 percent have access to limited drinking water facilities. Despite these improvements, a concerning fact is that around 80 percent of the population still uses water contaminated with E. coli at the household level (Source: MICS-2019). In terms of sanitation services, 61 percent of the population has access to safely managed sanitation, 18 percent to basic sanitation, and 15 percent to limited sanitation services. Open defecation remains a challenge, with 5 percent of the population nationwide still practicing open defecation. The situation in Madhesh province is quite alarming with 16 percent of the population reverting to open defecation (Source: MICS-2019). The Nepal Health Facility Survey Report (NHFS) of 2021 reveals that 94 percent of healthcare facilities have access to improved water sources, 89 percent have functioning toilet facilities for clients, and 61 percent have water and soap available at the point of care. However, there are concerns about the quality of WASH services in healthcare facilities, including hospital waste management. While 86 percent of healthcare facilities segregate waste, only 52 percent safely dispose of sharp and other waste. The realm of WASH facilities in schools, a flash report from 2079 indicates that 82 percent of schools have water supply facilities, 82 percent of schools have toilets, but only 55 percent of these schools have toilets with water facilities. Functionality and sustainability remain significant challenges in the WASH in School programme. UNICEF Nepal promotes a water-safe community concept for achieving the goal of “no one drinks contaminated water” with the implementation of a community-based climate-resilient water safety plan, a three-star approach for WASH in Schools, and WASH FIT for WASH in health facilities. The sector planning and monitoring will be facilitated by the promotion of NWASH tools building the realization and ownership at local levels and building sector capacity at the local level by transferring technical knowledge, skills, and technology. Please see the attached documents for Madhesh Province-related information.

## 6 **Expected Results**

Scope of partnership: The broad scope of this PCA is to establish coordination and collaboration among the selected CSO partner, UNICEF, and the provincial and local government to implement the WASH programme and achieve the targeted results to improve the rights of children focusing on WASH. The key areas of collaboration will be as below.

- Capacity building of local governments, water, and sanitation user committees, schools including child clubs and school management committee, health care facilities including its staff, and stakeholders on Climate Resilient Water Safety Plans (WSP) targeting the water-safe community, Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT) targeting meeting basic WASH services and three-star approaches of WASH in School programme meeting basic WASH services.
- Support to provide and/or upgrade the WASH services meeting at least basic service levels in selected communities, HCFs, and schools with integration of climate resilience and sustainability of the services.
- Facilitate updating WASH status of the local governments in the NWASH dashboard for regular sector planning and monitoring.
- Support to the respective local governments in implementation, follow up, and certification of the water-safe communities programme including water quality monitoring mechanism, three-star standards, etc.

The overall objective of the partnership is to implement the WASH programme on time achieving the set targets in Madhesh Province in line with the Country Programme Document (CPD) and Multi-Year Work Plan (MYWP). The expected Outputs, results, indicators and targets of the partnership will be as follows.

3.1: Increased capacity of local governments, community, and other WASH stakeholders to safely manage gender-responsive, equitable, sustainable, WASH services and menstrual hygiene programme in communities, schools, and health facilities, including in times of disaster.

Output# 3.1.1: Enhanced the capacities of local government by ensuring climate-resilient, gender and person-with-disability-friendly WASH services in selected healthcare facilities.

Output# 3.1.2: Ensured the functionality of existing WASH services as part of the new and follow-up to the WASH in-school programme.

Output# 3.1.3: Ensured safe drinking water for the deprived community people. (See attached document for details).

## 7 **Indicative Budget**

142000.00000

## 8 Other Information

Promoting collaboration with local CSOs, the Call for Expression of Interest (CFEI) is for national NGOs/CSOs only. UNICEF will provide essential technical support programme implementation and coordination with local government and provincial governments. The concept notes will be assessed by a technical review panel in consultation with technical specialists and based on the selection criteria outlined below under Art 14. It should be noted that participation in this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee that CSOs will be ultimately selected for a partnership with UNICEF. UNICEF reserves the right to invite only selected partners whose concept notes are assessed as having a comparative advantage to deliver results for children. UNICEF and the selected CSO/NGO will jointly work on the Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) by applicable partnership policy and procedures. The applicant can contract and discuss this for more clarity on this CFEI. The latest organization profile, CVs of proposed staff, and latest audit report are essential with the concept note is highly appreciated.

## 9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	The proposal submitted by the CSO have clearly mentioned the strategies and course of action for achieving the expected results and the detailed activities contribute to the results.	25
Clarity of activities and expected results	Clear logical framework and activities	15
Contribution of resource	The CSO partner has clearly mentioned about their and local government's contribution to the overall programme for the partnership.	15
Experience working with UN	CSO partners with prior work experience with UN agencies will be considered.	10
Local experience and presence	The CSO partner needs to have local presence and prior experience of working in the province and the district or the local government as mentioned in the concept note.	15
Sector expertise and experience	CSO partner has working experience of WASH in community, school and health sector. It also has work experience and expertise in out of school	20

## 10 Attachments

Description	URL
Concept note's template.	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>
The document of Call for Expression of Interest.	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>

## 11 Concept Note Template

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