

Call for Expression of Interest

Technical assistance in implementation of WASH in community and HCFs in Selected GPs of Jharkhand

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1 Timeline

Posted	Sep 15, 2023
Clarification Request Deadline	Sep 19, 2023
Application Deadline	Sep 24, 2023
Notification of Results	Sep 29, 2023
Start Date	Oct 10, 2023
End Date	May 31, 2024

2 Locations

- A India
 - a Jharkhand
 - b Jharkhand
 - c Jharkhand

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

- A WASH and Environment
 - a Hygiene

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

To provide quality care in healthcare facilities, there is need to have safe and accessible water supply; clean and safe sanitation facilities; hand hygiene facilities at points of care and in toilets; and appropriate waste disposal systems with climate resilient features incorporated into it. Infrastructure that supports water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) and healthcare waste management practices helps prevent the spread of diseases within the healthcare facility and to the surrounding community. The access and utilization of adequate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities in hospitals/healthcare facilities play a crucial role in addressing health outcomes including reduction of Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs), reduction in disease, control in anti-microbial resistance (AMR), Improved Maternal and Neonatal Health, lowered health costs, improved infection prevention and control (IPC) and enhanced patient and healthcare worker safety. Healthcare facilities in resource-limited settings lack essential WASH and health care waste management services. Globally, 50% of HCFs lack access to piped water, 33% lack improved sanitation, 39% lack soap for handwashing and 39% lack adequate infectious waste disposal. Without appropriate WASH infrastructure and

services, patients, healthcare workers, and communities are at increased risk of disease. Different levels of healthcare facilities also have different WASH needs. A facility that provides acute care, such as performing surgeries or treating highly infectious patients, requires more advanced IPC practices and may have special needs for treatment of contaminated faeces or may require a high level of water quality. Facilities that offer only primary care services still require good WASH systems but may not need to meet these stricter requirements. UNICEF works with multiple partners on WASH in Institutions as part of the SDG 6 agenda of universal access as well as in support of SDG targets relating to health, education, and gender equality. UNICEF supports Govt of Jharkhand in area of WASH in schools, WASH in healthcare facilities and WASH in Aanganwadi (AWC) where children are at risk from poor WASH, such as early childhood care facilities. UNICEF focuses on scaling-up of WASH in Health Care Facilities (HCF) through evidence-based advocacy which includes gap assessment, demonstration of workable models on the ground and assistance in planning, management and monitoring, capacity building and knowledge management to scale up successful institutional WASH models in HCFs. UNICEF envisages functional and sustainable WASH facilities along with clean and green HCFs. While ensuring appropriate WASH facilities in institutions is highly beneficial, it is equally important to ensure access to safe water and sanitation facilities to the beneficiaries at community and household level. UNICEF has been working closely with Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DWSD), Jharkhand during the first phase of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and also in the 2nd phase. As per NFHS-5, 56.7% population in Jharkhand uses improved sanitation facilities and there is considerable scope for improvement. UNICEF has been providing the required technical assistance and support to the department along with focused support in high priority districts on ODF sustainability and ODF+. The communities are being mobilised through IEC activities, technical assistance and SBC campaigns so that they make informed decisions on WASH improvement. UNICEF during the implementation process helps to build upon the community structures on ODF+ and ODF S. This includes solid and liquid waste management (waste segregation at HH level, waste collection from HH, creation of SWM structures such as NADEPs, vermi composts etc., grey water management, construction of soakpits, magic pits etc.) in the community. On ODF sustainability, UNICEF envisages functional toilets, usage by all members of family, toilet retrofitting and repairs and hand hygiene for all.

6 **Expected Results**

- Situation assessment and development of gap assessment report of WASH-CCES (Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in Health care facilities and ODFS/ODF+ components in surrounding community
- Develop Jharkhand specific training guidelines and modules on WASH-CCES in HCF's and ODF S / ODF+ initiatives among the community
- Develop a team of Master Trainers on WASH-CCES in HCF's and ODFS/ODF+ initiatives
- Facilitate the training of health care workers and managers of HCFs at the district level
- Strengthen stakeholders (VWSC, Sanitation workers etc.) capacity on ODFS/ODF+ issues, WASH-CCES and safety, security and dignity of sanitation workers
- Development of Facility Improvement Plan (FIP) for HCFs considering the WASH-CCES and ODFS/ODF+ issues
- Technical assistance in the development of climate resilient ODFS/ODF+ plans in select villages/community
- Development of monitoring mechanisms such as monitoring indicators/tools, SOP's, trackers, etc. on WASH-CCES in HCFs and ODF+ issues in villages/community
- Document case studies, best practices, learnings, stories from the field as part of the Knowledge management task

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	Proposal should be as per the RfP	30
Sector expertise and experience	Organization should have experience in WASH in HCF and sanitation	40
Local experience and presence	Organization should have work experience and presence in proposed districts	30

10 Attachments

Description	URL
Request for proposal	Download the document here

11 Concept Note Template

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