

Call for Expression of Interest

Implementing the Rural Sanitation Component of the Kenya Sanitation Enabling Environment Project (KSEEP) Phase II, 2024 to 2026

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1 Timeline

Posted	May 15, 2024
Clarification Request Deadline	May 31, 2024
Application Deadline	Jun 7, 2024
Notification of Results	Jun 28, 2024
Start Date	Jul 1, 2024
End Date	Apr 30, 2026

2 Locations

- A Kenya
 - a Nyeri

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

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

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

UNICEF is the agency of the United Nations mandated to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. In Kenya, UNICEF works with the government and other partners to address four key development priorities under the current 2022-2026 Country Program: (a) reduced mortality and stunting; (b) improved early learning and education; (c) enhanced child and adolescent protection; and (d) improved social protection, inclusion, and resilience-building. Within this framework and as set out in the 2022-2026 Country Programme Document, UNICEF Kenya country office is implementing the Kenya Sanitation Enabling Environment Project (KSEEP) Phase II that aims at supporting Kenya to achieve SDG Target 6.2 of achieving universal access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation.

6 **Expected Results**

Under the rural sanitation component of KSEEP Phase II, UNICEF will contribute to achieving the following outcome, output, and activities that relate to this expression of interest: Outcome Improve health through acceleration of elimination of open defecation (OD) through the community-led total sanitation (CLTS) approach in 15 OD high-burden Counties in Kenya. Output Target communities are mobilized to construct toilets with their own resources using the CLTS approach (http://guidelines.health.go.ke:8000/media/Community_Led_Total_Sanitation_MoH_Guideline_2014.pdf) through support from MoH at county and local level; as a result, 1,000,000 people will be living in open defecation free villages in 15 Counties (Baringo, Garissa, Homabay, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kwale, Mandera, Marsabit, Narok, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir, and West Pokot); at least 4,000 communities will become open defecation free under the KSEEP Phase II by April 2026. Activity • Provide financial and technical assistance to 15 high-burden counties (Baringo, Garissa, Homabay, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kwale, Mandera, Marsabit, Narok, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir, and West Pokot) to plan, implement, and monitor CLTS activities including awareness creation to enhance handwashing with soap in 4,000 villages, representing 1,000,000 people. o Support the development of a costed roadmap for ODF for five high-burden counties currently lacking a roadmap (i.e., Isiolo, Kajiado, Mandera, Tana River, and Wajir). It is recommended to include standards required for safely managed on-site sanitation facilities in the roadmaps, aligned with the national costed road map (http://guidelines.health.go.ke:8000/media/COSTED_NRS_AND_HHR_2023-2030...MoH.pdf). o It is recommended to follow up all the remaining villages in the 15 counties which were triggered but not yet ODF certified under recent UNICEF sanitation projects, such as the Sanitation for Universal Health Coverage (S-UHC) project (2020-21) and KSEEP Phase I (2021-2023) until they became ODF; and then choose additional areas strategically to meet the target. The current progress can be found in the CLTS online platform which is managed by the National MoH <http://wash.health.go.ke/clts/index.js>. o It is recommended to utilize an area-wide approach to achieve sub-county/ward-wide results, increasing the impact of interventions and accelerating progress towards SDG Target 6.2. o It is recommended to promote access to improved sanitation facilities prerequisites for climate-resilient, basic or safely managed sanitation service through creating demand and adapting the Kenya Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Protocol. o It is recommended to train County and sub-county public health officers on the CLTS Protocol, Kenya Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Protocol (http://guidelines.health.go.ke:8000/media/Rural_Sanitation_and_Hygiene_Protocol_MoH.pdf) and implementation guideline adapted for pastoralist communities(https://www.globalwaters.org/sites/default/files/implementation_guidelines_for_rsnhn_1.pdf).

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

Location and Duration The project shall be implemented in 15 Counties, namely Baringo, Garissa, Homabay, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kwale, Mandera, Marsabit, Narok, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir, and West Pokot, and for a duration of 22 months from July 2024 until April 2026. Communities targeted for the CLTS under the S-UHC (2020-2021) and KSEEP Phase I (2021-2023) should be followed up until they achieve ODF status as much as possible. UNICEF KCO is looking for implementing partners to implement the rural sanitation component in some of the 15 target counties (no need to cover all counties). CBOs/NGOs could propose working in some selected wards/sub-counties in selected counties according to their expertise and capacities. It should be noted that it is expected that CSOs/NGOs already have an existing field presence in the selected counties and demonstrated capacities to work with/deliver results through government systems and use the CLTS approach as per national guidelines. CBOs/NGOs will be in charge of delivering entire administrative units, i.e., wards or sub-counties. A consortium of CSOs/NGOs is highly encouraged. CSO submissions are assessed by the Partnership Review Committee in consultation with technical specialists, using criteria outlined below. Only CSO submissions which comply with the requirements of the eligibility and exclusion criteria will be eligible for further evaluation. Results from the review will be used for purposes of mapping and selection of CSOs in relation to the specific results. It should be noted that participation to this Call for Expression of Interest however does not guarantee CSOs will be ultimately selected for a partnership agreement with UNICEF. UNICEF reserves the right to invite selected partners to review and finalise proposals for partnerships in line with criteria outlined below and in accordance with applicable policy and procedures on partnership with CSOs. • Eligibility criteria: CSO must: a) be registered in country of origin [and in programme country depending on government requirements]; b) not be an entity named on any of the UN Security Council targeted

sanction lists. • Exclusion criteria CSO submission which: a) are not sent by the specified deadline; b) do not include all required documents duly completed and signed or do not comply with specifications set in this call for expression of interest; c) are not submitted in English; will be excluded from the selection process.

9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	Includes review of the proposed programme: (i) Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results, (ii) Clarity of activities and expected results, (iii) Innovative approach, Sustainability of intervention, and (iv) Adequacy and clarity of proposed budget (including contribution by CSO)	60
Sector expertise and experience	Includes a review of the CSO: (i) Expertise and experience in the sector/area, (ii) Staff capacity to deliver the project, (iii) Local experience, presence at county level, and community relations (CSO must indicate in which target counties they are already operating/have experience in/would like to target for this particular project), (iv) Existing partnership and experience working with/delivering through selected County Governments, (v) Existing partnership and experience working with National MoH/MoWSI, (vi) Management ability, (vii) Experience working with UN/UNICEF	30
Other	Includes a review of (i) Access/security considerations and (ii) Replicability/scalability	10

10 **Concept Note Template**

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