

Call for Expression of Interest

Technical assistance in the implementation of Water Sanitation and Hygiene Environmental Sustainability and school safety in Schools in Selected districts of Jharkhand

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1 Timeline

Posted	Jun 26, 2024
Clarification Request Deadline	Jul 2, 2024
Application Deadline	Jul 10, 2024
Notification of Results	Jul 16, 2024
Start Date	Aug 1, 2024
End Date	Dec 31, 2024

2 Locations

- A India
 - a Jharkhand

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

- A WASH and Environment
 - a Basic sanitation
 - b Hygiene
 - c Natural resources, environmental pollution and climate action

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

The Government of India has launched the PM SHRI (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) initiative to develop over 14,500 schools managed by various government bodies, aiming to provide inclusive, safe, and stimulating learning environments. This initiative aligns with the National Education Policy 2020, which seeks to nurture students into engaged, productive citizens within an equitable and inclusive society. In Jharkhand, 325 government schools have been selected under the PM SHRI scheme. To complement these efforts, the state has intensified the national Swachh Vidyalaya Programme through its own Swachh Vidyalaya Swasth Bacche (SVSB) initiative. This initiative focuses on benchmarking schools to enhance WASH facilities and bring about behavioral change among children, thereby improving the overall quality of WASH services in schools. UNICEF plans to support the Government of Jharkhand in building WASH compliance in selected PM SHRI Schools. This support will encompass technical assistance, capacity

building, and advocacy to ensure the sustainable development and maintenance of WASH infrastructure. The initiative will involve comprehensive assessments and planning to upgrade existing WASH facilities, followed by the construction and renovation of gender-segregated and accessible toilets, handwashing stations, and safe drinking water sources. Integrating WASH education into the school curriculum and training teachers, school staff, and student leaders on best practices will promote lasting behavioral changes. The project will also focus on strengthening Eco Clubs in schools to address climate change, promote environmental sustainability, and enhance disaster risk reduction. Eco Clubs will provide students with practical knowledge and skills to contribute to environmental sustainability. Jharkhand's school safety plan is being developed. The project will also support in piloting school safety and security which would be rolled out on the first and third Saturdays of the month for a year. Through hands-on projects and community involvement, Eco Clubs will empower students to take active roles in protecting their environment and mitigating the impacts of climate change, thereby fostering a culture of resilience and sustainability within school communities.

6 **Expected Results**

- Supported selected PM-Shree Schools to become WASH/CCES Compliance Schools
- Capacity building for rolling out school safety at state level and assistance provided in implementation in 50 schools.
- Supported in MSVP implementation and monitoring mechanism through engagement of teachers and circle officers.
- Supported activities that promote environmental sustainability and disaster risk reduction policies.
- Capacity built of key stakeholders on improvement of WASH services, climate change and its effects, disaster risk reduction.
- Ensured engagement of students and their capacity building for strengthening ECO clubs/Child Cabinet for sustaining operations & maintenance of WASH services in schools.
- Supported in the documentation of case studies and best practices for dissemination WASH-CCES in schools.

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Sector expertise and experience	• CSO should have a minimum of 10 years of experience working in WASH programs, min 5 years of experience in WASH In Schools, CCES and experience implementing at least two projects on WASH In Schools	20
Local experience and presence	• CSO should have presence in Jharkhand for at least 5 years and in-house expertise on WASH	15
Realistic timelines and plans	• Suggested work plan, timelines, and team plan	20
Project management	• CSO should have in-house expertise in training and capacity-building programs in WASH, Monitoring Plan • CSO should have its own training center in Jharkhand	25
Cost effectiveness		20

10 **Attachments**

Description	URL
Request for proposal attached	Download the document here

11 **Concept Note Template**

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