

### *Call for Expression of Interest*

**Improve access to life- saving and durable WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) services to communities and people affected by emergency including IDPs in a prioritized area of all regions.**

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#### **1 Timeline**

Posted	Mar 19, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 1, 2025
Application Deadline	Apr 14, 2025
Notification of Results	May 15, 2025
Start Date	Jul 1, 2025
End Date	Jun 30, 2028

#### **2 Locations**

- A Ethiopia
  - a Oromia

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

- A WASH and Environment
  - a Basic sanitation
  - b Energy
  - c Hygiene
  - d WASH in emergencies
  - e Water

#### **4 Issuing Agency**

UNICEF

#### **5 Project Background**

The Ethiopian government and UNICEF concluded a program for July 2025 - June 2030. This program comprises 6 sectoral components: Health, Nutrition, WASH, Education, Child Protection and Social Protection. It also includes cross-cutting components supporting the achievement of cross-sectoral results such as Social and Behavior Change, Youth and Adolescent Engagement, etc. that contribute to the achievement of planned results. The WASH component of this programme aims at ensuring that "By 2030, more children and youth in Ethiopia, particularly those living in the

most disadvantaged situations, use climate-resilient, equitable and sustainable basic water supply and sanitation services, and practice appropriate hygiene behaviour". To achieve this outcome, the WASH component planned to deliver the following outputs by 2030: Output 1: By 2030, national and regional government mechanisms and systems are strengthened to enable legislation, planning and budgeting for resilient and risk-informed, gender-responsive, equitable, inclusive, climate-resilient, and energy-efficient basic WASH services and practices in development and humanitarian situations. Output 2: By 2030, communities living in areas with frequent and re-current natural disasters have more resilient WASH infrastructure and capacities to adopt mitigation measures to a changing climate and degrading environment (Climate, Environment and Energy). Output 3: By 2030, rural and pastoralist communities, particularly children and families, have improved equitable access to and capacity to use basic, inclusive, gender-responsive and climate-resilient WASH services. Output 4: By 2030, urban and refugee communities, particularly children and families, have improved equitable access to and capacity to use basic, inclusive, gender-responsive, energy-efficient, and climate-resilient WASH services. These outputs will be delivered through interventions implemented both by Government entities and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). CSOs will contribute to this program by implementing specific projects in the following areas: 1. Provision of safe emergency water supply to emergency affected people in communities and IDP camps. 2. Provision of WASH NFI to emergency affected people. 3. Provision of life-saving and durable WASH services to emergency-affected people in communities and IDP camps. 4. Provision of sanitation services to emergency affected people. 5. Hygiene promotion to the emergency affected people. 6. Provision of WASH services to host communities. The purpose of this call is to identify prospective CSOs with whom UNICEF will partner to support the implementation of the program.

## 6 Expected Results

1. Provision of safe water to emergency affected people in the affected regions: Prospective CSOs contributing to this programming area are expected to save the life of people by rapidly delivering water to affected areas during humanitarian crises to prevent further suffering as a temporary solution such as during drought periods, natural disasters, or infrastructure failures. It also aimed to provide immediate access to clean drinking water in areas where reliable water sources are unavailable, particularly during emergencies or in regions with chronic water scarcity, by delivering water directly to the needy people in the prioritized areas of all regions. 1. Provision of WASH NFI to emergency affected people: Prospective CSOs contributing to this programming area are expected to ensure equitable access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and promote good hygiene practices, thereby reducing the transmission of waterborne diseases and improving the overall health and well-being of affected populations; this is achieved through the distribution of essential non-food items like water purification tablets, hygiene kits, sanitation materials, and promoting behavior change communication to encourage proper usage of these items, particularly focusing on vulnerable groups like women and children in prioritized areas of all regions. 2. Provision of life saving and durable WASH services to emergency affected people in IDPs camps and communities: Prospective CSOs contributing to this programming area are expected to improve access to lifesaving and climate resilient water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services for people affected by emergencies through the provision of safe drinking water, constructing toilets, and promoting hygiene practices. These services are critical for people's health and wellbeing in prioritized areas of all regions. 3. Provision of sanitation services to emergency affected people: Prospective CSOs contributing to this programming area are expected to improve access to sanitation services to minimize the health risks associated with poor sanitation in emergency situations by providing safe sanitation facilities to all affected people by undertaking appropriate behavior change interventions on the use of WASH services and products, minimizing open defecations and creating demand for climate-resilient WASH & MHH services, while promoting youth and community engagement in WASH services in a prioritized areas of all regions. 4. Hygiene promotion to emergency affected people: Prospective CSOs contributing to this programming area are expected to prevent the spread of disease through appropriate behavior change interventions on the use of WASH and MHH services and products, improving hygiene practices, and creating demand for climate-resilient WASH services, while promoting youth and community engagement in WASH services. 5. Provision of WASH services to host communities: Prospective CSOs contributing to this programming area are expected to ensure improved access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and promoting hygiene practices by strengthening government systems and structures to ensure that WASH services are risk-informed, climate-resilient, and implement innovative approaches and technology in WASH interventions with the meaningful participation of women, youth and children/persons with disabilities in a prioritized areas of all regions.

## 7 Indicative Budget

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## 8 Other Information

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## 9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Sector expertise and experience	Prospective CSOs will be assessed based on two set of criteria: Eligibility criteria and selection criteria. Eligibility criteria: • Be a community-based organization or a national or international NGO with a legal personality recognized in accordance with Ethiopia's national legislation. • Be registered on the UNPP as a non-profit civil society organization. • Be present in the region by the time of Expression of Interest. Profile including organizational Capacity and relevant technical expertise of applicant(s) is one of the selection criteria with weighted average scores.	30
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	Prospective CSOs will be assessed based on two set of criteria: Eligibility criteria and selection criteria. Eligibility criteria: • Be a community-based organization or a national or international NGO with a legal personality recognized in accordance with Ethiopia's national legislation. • Be registered on the UNPP as a non-profit civil society organization. • Be present in the region by the time of Expression of Interest. Quality of the Proposal and feasibility of the proposed interventions is one of the selection criteria with weighted average scores.	50
Other	Prospective CSOs will be assessed based on two set of criteria: Eligibility criteria and selection criteria. Eligibility criteria: • Be a community-based organization or a national or international NGO with a legal personality recognized in accordance with Ethiopia's national legislation. • Be registered on the UNPP as a non-profit civil society organization. • Be present in the region by the time of Expression of Interest. Child safeguarding and emergency preparedness is one of the selection criteria with weighted average scores.	10
Cost effectiveness	Prospective CSOs will be assessed based on two set of criteria: Eligibility criteria and selection criteria. Eligibility criteria: • Be a community-based organization or a national or international NGO with a legal personality recognized in accordance with Ethiopia's national legislation. • Be registered on the UNPP as a non-profit civil society organization. • Be present in the region by the time of Expression of Interest. Efficient and effective programme management is one of the selection criteria with weighted average scores.	10

## 10 Attachments

Description	URL
In line with their respective area of expertise, interested CSOs are requested	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>

## 11 Concept Note Template

[Download the document here](#)

## 12 For more information on this partnership opportunity, and to apply, please visit

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