

Call for Expression of Interest

Climate action for the last mile: reaching the most vulnerable children in Zimbabwe programme: improving climate resilient wash in Zimbabwe

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1 Timeline

Posted	Apr 9, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 17, 2025
Application Deadline	Apr 22, 2025
Notification of Results	May 22, 2025
Start Date	Jun 1, 2025
End Date	May 31, 2026

2 Locations

- A Zimbabwe
 - a Manicaland
 - b Matabeleland South
 - c Mashonaland Central
 - d Bulawayo

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

While Zimbabwe is facing increasing climate-related challenges that threaten children's access to essential WASH services such as clean water, basic hygiene and sanitation, provision of these services becomes a priority. In response, the Government of Zimbabwe and UNICEF Zimbabwe, with financial support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) intends to implement the Climate Action for the Last Mile project. This aims to increase climate resilience for children and communities by enhancing access to climate-smart WASH services and infrastructure while also strengthening policy frameworks for climate action in Zimbabwe. The initiative targets 30,000 direct beneficiaries

and one million indirectly, 40% of whom are children. The WASH sector will collaborate with other sectors namely education, health, nutrition, child protection, and social protection systems through integrating activities that brings synergies and ensured comprehensive service delivery. Additionally, the project will enhance children's engagement in climate governance, ensuring they participate in shaping climate policies and decision-making processes. In Zimbabwe, WASH is an enabler and contributes to several pillars in achieving NDS1 objectives.

6 **Expected Results**

The partnership is expected to enable joint implementation of WASH interventions in 4 districts towards ensuring that children, young people, and their families realize the following outcome: Increased climate resilience for children and their communities through the provision of climate-smart social services and infrastructure via gender-responsive and inclusive low-carbon development pathways that reduce climate vulnerabilities. The expected output is having children and their communities accessing climate-smart WASH services at home, at school, and in Healthcare Facilities (HCF).

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Clarity of activities and expected results	demonstration of understanding of TORs and clear setting or aligning of activities to achieve project outcomes and outputs	N/A
Experience working with UN	Demonstrable significant work in WASH, energy and/or health sectors in Zimbabwe.	N/A
Project management	Expertise and experience in both rural and urban WASH DRR, development, emergency and recovery	N/A
Realistic timelines and plans	realistic timelines and plans	N/A
Local experience and presence	Legal operational status in Zimbabwe; The applications are requested from organizations with operational capability in Harare, Manicaland and Matabeleland South Province as well as districts.	N/A
Cost effectiveness	Realistic budgets	N/A

10 **Attachments**

Description	URL
Application template	Download the document here
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11 **Concept Note Template**

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