

Call for Expression of Interest

Climate Resilient WASH and Nutrition programme

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1 **Timeline**

Posted	Aug 3, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	Aug 13, 2025
Application Deadline	Aug 18, 2025
Notification of Results	Aug 20, 2025
Start Date	Sep 1, 2025
End Date	Sep 1, 2027

2 **Locations**

- A Palau, Republic Of
 - a Sonsorol
- B Micronesia
 - a Chuuk
- C Marshall Islands
 - a Ratak chain

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

- A Health
 - a Health - general
- B WASH and Environment
 - a Hygiene
 - b Water and land information management

4 **Issuing Agency**

UNICEF

5 **Project Background**

The Pacific region is increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, environmental degradation, and natural hazards—placing a disproportionate burden on children and their communities. In the North Pacific, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) are facing rising threats to food and water security, greater exposure to climate-sensitive diseases, and disruption of essential services such as health and education. To address these challenges, UNICEF Pacific has launched the Climate Resilient WASH

and Nutrition Programme, a two-year initiative from September 2025 to September 2027, aimed at strengthening the resilience of communities and ensuring the health and wellbeing of children in the region. This cross-sectoral programme focuses on two key determinants of child health—Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Nutrition—through the following components: 1) Promoting safe drinking water through the development and implementation of Drinking Water Safety training in schools and/or communities in Palau; 2) Enhancing drought preparedness through the piloting of climate-resilient WASH technologies, including remote water monitoring systems in FSM and RMI; 3) Supporting healthy child diets by increasing access to local, nutritious food through caregiver training, school/community gardening, and growth monitoring in Palau. The programme emphasizes capacity development at all levels—training teachers, caregivers, youth, and community leaders in water conservation, hygiene, waste management, food production, and health promotion. It fosters practical, community-led solutions that align with national policies and education standards, and promotes sustainability through peer learning, school-based competitions, and long-term planning. UNICEF is seeking partnerships with qualified organizations—including NGOs, academic institutions, and community-based organizations—with relevant experience in WASH, nutrition, education, and climate resilience. Interested partners will play a central role in delivering integrated services across Palau, FSM, and RMI, and in building the systems and skills needed to create lasting impact.

6 **Expected Results**

The Climate Resilient WASH and Nutrition Programme aims to achieve measurable, community-driven improvements in water, sanitation, hygiene, and nutrition across Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). Partners selected through this Expression of Interest will be expected to contribute to the following results: 1. Improved Water Safety and Hygiene Practices in Schools and Communities (Palau) - Development and implementation of at least 4 Drinking Water Safety training in schools and/or communities. - 100 community members and 200 students trained on safe water practices, low-cost water treatment, and hygiene promotion (including handwashing and menstrual hygiene). - Establishment of 4 school and/or community WASH action plans with implementation support. - Delivery of at least 4 awareness-raising campaigns on water safety and climate adaptation. 2. Strengthened Community Resilience to Drought (FSM and RMI) - Installation of 10 remote water monitoring systems in vulnerable communities. - Training of 700 community members (male and female) in water conservation and drought adaptation. 3. Healthier Child Diets and Improved Nutrition Practices (Palau) - Implementation of 4 community and/or school based training programs on nutritious food preparation using local ingredients. - Participation of 100 caregivers and 200 students in school gardening, food processing, and healthy cooking activities. - Organization of 4 cooking challenges to promote the use of diverse, local foods and increase awareness of healthy diets. - Monitor child nutrition status in at least 4 sites/community. - Production and distribution of user-friendly technical materials (e.g., manuals, posters, videos) on water safety, food safety, hygiene, gardening, and nutrition.

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

Eligibility - Registered non-profit organizations, NGOs, CSOs, academic institutions, or other legally recognized entities
 - Proven experience in implementing WASH, nutrition, education, or climate resilience programmes in the North Pacific
 - Demonstrated financial and operational capacity to implement projects of this nature and scale

9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	The proposed intervention must demonstrate a clear understanding of the goals, context, and expected outcomes of the Climate Resilient WASH and Nutrition Programme. Proposals will be evaluated based on how effectively they align with the programme's objectives and their potential to achieve measurable, sustainable results	30

Local experience and presence	Applicants will be assessed based on their demonstrated experience and operational presence in the North Pacific, specifically in Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and/or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).	20
Innovative approach	This criterion assesses the extent to which the proposal introduces creative, context-appropriate, and scalable solutions that strengthen climate resilience, improve WASH and nutrition outcomes, and promote sustainability in small island developing states (SIDS) like Palau, FSM, and RMI.	20
Cost effectiveness	Proposals will be assessed based on their ability to deliver results efficiently and sustainably. The budget should demonstrate value for money, with clear alignment between proposed activities and associated costs. It should be realistic, transparent, and appropriately allocated across program components. Preference will be given to proposals that include meaningful partner contributions—whether financial, in-kind, or through existing resources such as staff, facilities, or equipment.	30

10 **Concept Note Template**

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