

## Call for Expression of Interest

# Dnipropetrovska, Donetska and Zaporizka Emergency WASH Response

**CEF/UKR/2025/048**

### 1 **Timeline**

Posted	Oct 8, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	Oct 15, 2025
Application Deadline	Oct 25, 2025
Notification of Results	Oct 31, 2025
Start Date	Nov 7, 2025
End Date	Aug 7, 2026

### 2 **Locations**

- A Ukraine
  - a Donetska Oblast
  - b Donetska Oblast

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

- A WASH and Environment
  - a Water

### 4 **Issuing Agency**

UNICEF

### 5 **Project Background**

UNICEF is the agency of the United Nations mandated for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene is one of the key programmes to fulfil this mandate, particularly in the context of the war in Ukraine. In Ukraine, UNICEF works with the government and other partners to contribute to national efforts to enable all children and adolescents in Ukraine, especially those in the most vulnerable situations, to have their rights progressively fulfilled and to develop to their full potential in an inclusive and protective environment. In line with the Government of Ukraine National Priorities and strategies, and the current UNICEF Strategic Plan in Ukraine, the country programme of cooperation aims to achieve equitable outcomes for the most in need and hardest-to-reach children. Further information on the programme can be found in: <https://www.unicef.org/ukraine/en>. Centralized and decentralized water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services and infrastructure have been damaged leaving over a million households without water. Furthermore, displacement is leading to emerging water, sanitation, and hygiene needs, and new transit centres may open without necessarily having WASH facilities that meet Cluster and Ukrainian standards. Lack of water, sanitation, heat, and

electricity, and fear of death have caused children and their families to flee to other affected areas or to seek refuge in places lacking basic WASH services. With the increased RAF incursions in Donetsk, UNICEF has adapted its response strategy to the scale up the emerging needs. In broad strokes (more details in Section below): - In areas affected by hostilities, UNICEF is assisting children and families by mobile emergency water supply (water trucking) and providing WASH/humanitarian supplies where infrastructure has been damaged by the war, and where they have taken refuge. - In addition, and in close cooperation with national, regional, and local authorities, as well as civil society, where situation allows, the organization is continuing to support the repair, equipment, supply (i.e.: tools, chemicals, etc.) and management of water and sanitation facilities to prevent the further collapse of WASH services. This supports include technical assistance, system strengthening, and capacity development as required. - UNICEF is also looking to expand access to water through local decentralised solutions such as shallow wells in the event that water systems are disrupted to prevent water related displacement. - Providing support to transit centres with the provision of temporary and permanent WASH infrastructure e.g. mobile WASH facilities and WASH facility upgrades and rehabilitation. - UNICEF provides support for the rehabilitation of WASH facilities in schools and health facilities. Duration of the project: The duration of the project will be for nine (9) months for completion of all works – meaning activities will be completed in a parallel in a phased approach during the nine-month period, rather than all activities being completed by the end of the nine-month period. Extensions to the project are possible depending on the availability of funds and priority of needs to be supported. Applications must be submitted in English Applications will be assessed by an Evaluation Committee to identify eligible national CSOs that have the mandate, capacities, and comparative advantage to support the achievement of the aimed results for women, girls and boys, using the criteria outlined below. Participation to this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee ultimate selection for partnership with UNICEF. Selected partners will be invited to adjust and further develop with UNICEF the full programme agreements in accordance with the criteria the applicable policy and procedures for UNICEF partnership with national CSOs. All applicants will be bilaterally informed by email of the outcome of their submissions.

## 6 **Expected Results**

In line with its mandate and Annual Work Plan, UNICEF WASH Programme will support national CSOs in achieving the results through activities, as described in the general structure of outputs and activities of UNICEF WASH Annual Work Plan 2025 in Ukraine: Output indicators Annual target Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs 1,290,000 Institutions provided with child friendly, gender sensitive and inclusive WASH facilities 51 Under this project the intended targets are: 1. Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs: 60,000 people 2. Number of boreholes drilled: 60 shallow wells equipped with handpumps 3. Number of institutions provided with child-friendly, gender sensitive and inclusive temporary and permanent WASH facilities: 3 (three) institutions/transit centres and 20 schools/health facilities

## 7 **Indicative Budget**

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## 8 **Other Information**

Partners are required to report on end user quality of activities and key messages through dedicated M&E; toolkits (developed by partners or through UNICEF recommended tools) reflecting the delivery of essential WASH services to vulnerable children and communities. Key activities: 1. Identifying priority areas for borehole drilling with associated Hydrogeological and Geophysical Well Siting/study and Hromada level permissions and agreements 2. Borehole drilling (average depth 30m to 70m) with supply and installation of casing, gravel packing, well development, pump test, well head construction, disinfection, water quality testing, and supply and installation of handpumps. 3. WASH services for infection prevention and control in institutions, to ensure safe water and sanitation services in transit centres, including the installation and operational management (cleaning/repairs of modular units (supplied by UNICEF) and rehabilitation and upgrading of inclusive WASH facilities within transit centres (after which modular units will be removed to UNICEF warehouse). 4. Rehabilitation of WASH facilities in 20 schools and or health facilities to meet WASH cluster standards. Geographical locations: Boreholes Actual drilling sites will be determined prior to signing an agreement and will be regularly reviewed during project duration to reflect actual needs and constraints on the ground. Indicative sites are North and West of Donetsk region, particularly covering Sloviansk, Oleksandrivka Kramatorsk, Druzhkivka, Oleksiyev-Druzhkivka, and Konstantynivka, Novodonetske. Further drilling sites might be established in Eastern Dnipro Oblast. Transit Centres Transit centres to support increasing number of displaced populations across the three oblasts (Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk and Zaporizka), the partner's intervention may be required at the key existing transit

and evacuation centers in Dnipro city, Pavlohrad (Dnipropetrovska Oblast) and Oleksandrivka (Donetska Oblast). This tentative list will be expanded if new centers open across the three oblasts, depending on the humanitarian needs identified and or Zaporizhzhia Oblasts, location to be determined based on emerging needs. WASH in Institutions Dnipropetrovska, Donetska and Zaporizka Schools and health facilities as necessary based on assessment and emerging needs. UNICEF Programme of Cooperation in Ukraine Importantly, advancing gender equality and the rights of disadvantaged groups, mainly, women and girls, is essential to realizing the rights of all children. Accordingly, UNICEF expects that its partners integrate gender and inclusion across the entire programming, including, among others, to undertake robust gender and inclusion analysis, so we can identify related barriers to positive outcomes for girls and boys and develop appropriate and fitting solutions. Accordingly, for all selected national CSOs through this CFEI the respective contracts will include clauses on UNICEF's Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA, ht [tps://www.unicef.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/UNICEF-Strategy-Prevent-Respond-Sexual-Exploitation-Abuse-Sexual-Harassment-January-2019.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/UNICEF-Strategy-Prevent-Respond-Sexual-Exploitation-Abuse-Sexual-Harassment-January-2019.pdf)), and all personnel in selected CSOs will be trained on UNICEF's PSEA policy (<https://agora.unicef.org/course/info.php?id=7380>), including internal reporting channels and safe and appropriate referral of SEA/Gender-Based Violence (GBV) survivors. All national CSOs that either apply individually or as a part of a consortium or umbrella proposal must: a) be registered in Ukraine or provide proof of ongoing registration process in Ukraine. b) have a clear PSEA and child safeguarding policy OR show the strong commitment to endorse the PSEA and child safeguarding policies (guarantee letter needs to be provided) UNICEF values applications from coordinated consortium but this is not an obligation. Exclusion criteria: Submissions which: a) are not applied through the UN portal (<https://www.unpartnerportal.org/dashboard>); b) are not sent before the specified deadline; c) do not include all required documents duly completed and signed or do not comply with specifications set in this Call for Expression of Interest; d) are not submitted in English; e) not focused on WASH; will be excluded from the selection process. The interventions and approaches proposed in the application file should demonstrate the field knowledge and the capacity to undertake realistic yet ambitious projects. As such, the proposals from applicants should be based on real situation analysis / WASH needs for children and vulnerable communities, with realistic interventions and timelines, aligned (i) to the mandate and to the operational capacity of the applicant, and (ii) to UNICEF priorities in WASH as spelled out in its work plan for 2025 (see in next sections of the document). The capacity of each applicant will be assessed on this basis; UNICEF may then reach out to selected partners to develop a partnership.

## 9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Project management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management, financial capacity</li> <li>• Experience in working at scale with key donor funding including the UN/UNICEF</li> <li>• Access/security considerations;</li> <li>• Integrated programming with other sectors/services.</li> <li>• Staff profiles and experience</li> </ul>	15
Local experience and presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes a review of the national CSO:</li> <li>• Expertise and experience in the sectors/area.</li> <li>• Experience working in the field of Humanitarian and Development</li> <li>• Capacity for contingency/emergency response</li> <li>• Proven experience in collaboration with key institutions and local communities in the sector and more broadly with national and local authorities</li> </ul>	15
Contribution of resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution of the national CSO to the overall budget; this can be a mix of financial contribution and valuation of contributions not charged to UNICEF (staff time, office and vehicles, warehouse costs, etc.)</li> </ul>	5
Cost effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit cost proposed by the national CSO (for instance: drilling of boreholes up to 50m depth...). The information included in the budget should allow the selection committee to assess these unit costs.</li> <li>• % of the UNICEF financial contribution dedicated to effective and efficient programme management</li> </ul>	15
Experience working with UN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience working with UN (if any)</li> </ul>	5
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity and reliability of the needs assessment/problem statement in targeted areas.</li> <li>• Clear understanding of the context of the community and needs of most vulnerable population groups, children and women.</li> <li>• Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results;</li> </ul>	15
Clarity of activities and expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity of activities and expected results;</li> </ul>	10
Innovative approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovative approach;</li> </ul>	5

Sustainability of intervention	• Consideration of achieving long-term sustainability, through ownership modes, operation and maintenance etc.	5
Realistic timelines and plans	• Realistic timelines and plans, including capacity for accelerated implementation in humanitarian crisis	5
Access/security considerations	• Risk mitigation plans • Business continuity plans	5

**10 Attachments**

Description	URL
The purpose of this profile is to provide key contact references to UNICEF	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>
The purpose of this proposal is to provide an outline of the proposed inter	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>

**11 Concept Note Template**

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