

Call for Expression of Interest

Delivery of Humanitarian/Recovery WASH response in Urban and Peri-Urban of Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Zhytomyr oblasts

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1 ***Timeline***

Posted	Dec 17, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	Jan 5, 2026
Application Deadline	Jan 20, 2026
Notification of Results	Jan 26, 2026
Start Date	Feb 9, 2026
End Date	Nov 27, 2026

2 ***Locations***

- A Ukraine
 - a Zhytomyrska Oblast
 - b Kyiv
 - c Chernihivska Oblast

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

- A WASH and Environment
 - a Hygiene
 - b Natural resources, environmental pollution and climate action
 - c WASH in emergencies
 - d Water

4 ***Issuing Agency***

UNICEF

5 ***Project Background***

Ukraine's water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) sector faces critical challenges following extensive conflict-related damage to infrastructure, coupled with pre-existing gaps in service delivery, particularly affecting vulnerable children and communities. The ongoing recovery process requires coordinated, multi-level interventions that strengthen both institutional capacities and community resilience. The Central Field Office (CFO) oblasts (Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Zhytomyr oblasts) have been significantly affected by conflict, with damaged water supply and sanitation infrastructure, disrupted services in educational and health-care facilities, and heightened vulnerabilities among affected populations, particularly children and families. The recovery phase presents an opportunity to "build back better and greener" by integrating climate-resilient, inclusive, and sustainable approaches into WASH service delivery. This partnership programme



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responds to the critical need for integrated WASH interventions that address both immediate service delivery gaps and longer-term systemic strengthening. The programme adopts a nexus approach, linking humanitarian response with development programming, while ensuring cross-sectoral integration with child protection, education, and health services. The partnership will support UNICEF's Country Programme goals by strengthening capacities at multiple levels: national and oblast-level policy and coordination mechanisms, local government and utility management systems, institutional service providers (schools and health facilities), and community-level knowledge and practices. This multi-tiered approach ensures sustainability and progressive ownership transfer to national and local stakeholders. The programme aligns with Ukraine's recovery priorities, WASH Strategy at the National level, and commitments to EU integration, including harmonization with EU water and environmental directives. It recognizes children as both priority beneficiaries and active agents of change, ensuring age-appropriate, gender-sensitive, and inclusive programming throughout all activities. The partnership will leverage the implementing partner's community-level presence, technical expertise, and established relationships with local authorities and institutions to deliver evidence-based, contextually appropriate WASH interventions that contribute to resilient recovery and sustainable development.

6 **Expected Results**

Institutional Strengthening: -Oblast and local level WASH sector institutions demonstrate improved capacities in evidence-based planning, budgeting, and programme management -Enhanced coordination mechanisms established between government authorities, utilities, and service providers for integrated WASH delivery -Strengthened monitoring and evaluation systems tracking WASH service quality, accessibility, and child-focused indicators **Service Delivery Enhancement:** -At least 10 local governments and utilities in target oblasts have improved technical and management capacities for sustainable WASH service provision -Minimum 20 educational institutions and 40 health-care facilities demonstrate enhanced WASH infrastructure and service standards meeting inclusive, child-sensitive requirements -10 institutions in Koriukivka and Novhorod-Siverskyi districts of Chernihiv region should be supported with rehabilitation and refurbishment of WASH facilities, applying child friendly approach, gender and inclusivity components -Arrange distribution of individual and family WASH hygiene kits in settlements of Koriukivka and Novhorod-Siverskyi districts of Chernihiv region, reaching at least 2000 people -Operational and maintenance capacities strengthened in targeted institutions, ensuring long-term sustainability of WASH investments -Improved access to quality WASH services for vulnerable children and communities, with particular attention to accessibility for children with disabilities **Community Empowerment and Behavior Change:** -At least 20,000 children, adolescents, and caregivers across target communities demonstrate improved WASH knowledge and practices -Community-based initiatives promoting climate-responsive, disaster-resilient WASH behaviors established in 12 communities -Gender-sensitive and age-appropriate WASH promotion activities reach marginalized and vulnerable groups **Increased community demand for quality, inclusive WASH services, with active participation of children and adolescents in decision-making processes** **Cross-Sectoral Integration:** -WASH interventions systematically incorporate child protection considerations, ensuring safe, inclusive, and stigma-free access to services -Strengthened linkages between WASH, education, health, and child protection programming, creating holistic support for vulnerable children -Communities demonstrate increased capacities to access and demand integrated services addressing multiple needs of children and families **Sustainability and Resilience:** -Established mechanisms for shock-resilient WASH service delivery, including emergency preparedness and response capacities at local level -Climate-adaptive WASH practices integrated into institutional and community-level programming -Progressive ownership transfer demonstrated through increased government and community leadership in WASH programme implementation and monitoring **Documentation and Learning:** -Evidence and lessons learned documented and shared with government counterparts, development partners, and WASH sector stakeholders -Best practices and innovative approaches identified for potential replication and scale-up in other regions -Contribution to national WASH sector knowledge base supporting policy development and programme refinement

7 **Indicative Budget**

8 **Other Information**

9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Clarity of activities and expected results	proposed activities should be clear, measurable, achievable and be in line with UNICEF AAP and AWP2026	20
Contribution of resource	Partner should ensure contribution not less than 15%	20
Cost effectiveness	Partner should ensure effective cost per beneficiary and overall for the budget	20
Experience working with UN	Experience in cooperation with UNICEF, UNDP, WFP and other will be advantage	15
Local experience and presence	Partners extensive experience in selected oblasts will be advantage	15
Innovative approach	Innovations and scalability for the infrastructural projects will be advantage	10

10 **Attachments**

Description	URL
A prospective partner submits a concept note to express its interest in par	Download the document here

11 **Concept Note Template**

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