

Call for Expression of Interest

Delivery of Humanitarian/Recovery WASH response in Urban and Peri-Urban of Odesa and Mykolaiv oblasts

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1 Timeline

Posted	Jan 13, 2026
Clarification Request Deadline	Jan 20, 2026
Application Deadline	Feb 2, 2026
Notification of Results	Feb 13, 2026
Start Date	Apr 1, 2026
End Date	Mar 31, 2027

2 Locations

- A Ukraine
 - a Mykolayiv Oblast
 - b Odeska Oblast

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 southern region of Ukraine continues to experience the long-term impacts of the conflict, which have significantly affected water supply, sanitation, hygiene, and energy infrastructure. While emergency interventions remain essential, there is a growing need to transition toward sustainable recovery and development-oriented programming that strengthens resilience, promotes energy independence, and ensures inclusive access to essential services—particularly for children. UNICEF's WASH programming in the southern region, including Odesa and Mykolaiv oblasts, focuses on the rehabilitation and modernization of water supply and sanitation systems, with a strong emphasis on educational and healthcare facilities. These institutions play a critical role in safeguarding children's health, supporting continuous learning, and delivering essential services to vulnerable populations. This partnership



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program addresses the urgent need for integrated WASH interventions that bridge immediate service delivery gaps and promote long-term systemic improvement. The program takes a Nexus approach, linking humanitarian responses with development programming. The program aligns with Ukraine's recovery priorities, the national WASH strategy, and commitments to EU integration, including harmonization with EU water and environmental directives. Program ensures age-appropriate, gender-sensitive, and inclusive programming throughout all activities. The partnership will leverage the implementing partner's community-level presence, technical expertise, and relationships with local authorities and institutions to deliver contextually appropriate, evidence-based WASH interventions that contribute to resilient recovery and sustainable development.

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 2026 in Ukraine. Institutional Strengthening: - Minimum 20 educational institutions and health-care facilities demonstrate enhanced WASH infrastructure and service standards meeting inclusive, child-sensitive requirements; - 10 institutions in Mykolaiv oblast should be supported with rehabilitation and refurbishment of WASH facilities, applying child friendly approach, gender and inclusivity components; - 10 institutions in Odesa oblast should be supported with rehabilitation and refurbishment of WASH facilities, applying child friendly approach, gender and inclusivity components. Community Empowerment and Behavior Change: - At least 20,000 children, adolescents, and caregivers across target communities demonstrate improved WASH knowledge and practices – Hygiene, 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 links 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 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
Project management	Management and financial capacity; Experience in working at scale with key donor funding including the UN/UNICEF; Demonstrated institutional capacity, with staffing with adequate skills and experience to manage the planned activities.	20
Local experience and presence	Partners' extensive experience in selected oblasts will be an advantage.	15
Contribution of resource	Demonstrated contribution of own resources to the implementation of the programme, including in-kind contributions such as staff time, expertise, tools, platforms, or existing materials not charged to UNICEF.	5
Cost effectiveness	Clarity and adequacy of the proposed budget; cost-effectiveness in relation to the scale of activities and number of beneficiaries; reasonable unit costs per rehabilitated WASH facilities; appropriate balance between programme delivery and administrative costs.	15



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Experience working with UN	Proven experience in implementing projects with UN agencies and/or other international organizations (experience with UNICEF considered an advantage).	25
Clarity of activities and expected results	Relevance of proposal to achieve expected results. Realistic timelines and plans.	10
Innovative approach	Innovations and scalability for the infrastructural projects will be advantage.	5
Other	Proven experience and expertise in the rehabilitation of WASH facilities in education and health institutions, combined with experience in heating systems, is a strong asset.	5

10 Attachments

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11 Concept Note Template

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