

Call for Expression of Interest

Technical Support to DWSD, Government of Jharkhand in Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Knowledge Management for Climate-Resilient and Sustainable WASH Services

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1 Timeline

Posted	Apr 5, 2026
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 12, 2026
Application Deadline	Apr 16, 2026
Notification of Results	Apr 21, 2026
Start Date	May 15, 2026
End Date	Dec 15, 2027

2 Locations

- A India
 - a Jharkhand

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

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

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

UNICEF supports Govt of Jharkhand in institutional strengthening for WASH services especially JJM and SBMG. UNICEF has been a long-term partner, providing technical assistance and capacity-building support to strengthen institutional frameworks, policies, and monitoring mechanisms for sustainable WASH service delivery. The Rural WASH Partners’ Forum (RWPF) serves as a collaborative platform uniting government, civil society, and development partners. UNICEF’s engagement contributes to SDG 6 and co-benefits under SDGs 3, 5, 10, and 13, by safeguarding public health, reducing gendered drudgery, improving equity, and building climate-resilient WASH systems. In this background

UNICEF invites proposal for suitable CSOs to provide technical assistance to DWSD Government of Jharkhand, on Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Knowledge Management for Climate-Resilient and Sustainable WASH Services UNICEF seeks proposals from qualified institutions/organizations (NGOs) to provide technical support in institutional strengthening, capacity building, sanitation asset management, equity-focused monitoring, and knowledge management for climate-resilient WASH services. The RFP is to guide NGOs to propose their engagement, implementation approach and financial plan to deliver the specific outputs and outcome of the intended partnership. Proposal submitted by interested NGOs/ Institutions will go through an evaluation process to ascertain the suitability of the NGO partner to implement the proposed outlined below. Technical support will be provided mostly at state and selected districts (10 districts across Jharkhand) level, and no direct implementation is expected from partners. UNICEF will provide financial assistance to the selected agency to ensure availability of resource persons and development of prototypes, technical notes and documents. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DWSD), Government of Jharkhand, will allocate funds for logistical arrangements and other expenditure for training programs, planning activities, dissemination activities, and SBCC campaigns, thereby ensuring coordinated delivery of project outcomes. The technical support will focus on the following objectives: 1. Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building – Build capacities of DWSD officials, PRIs, Master Jal Sahiyas, Nal Jal Mitra, and ULB representatives through standardized SOPs, training modules, and competency-based curricula. 2. Strengthening Climate-Resilient WASH Planning – Develop climate-resilient WASH plans in 10 districts, establish monitoring frameworks, and train stakeholders on climate-responsive approaches. 3. Sanitation Asset Management & O&M; Support – Strengthen systems for solid and liquid waste management, plastic waste reduction, and faecal sludge and septage management (FSSM). 4. Equity & Inclusive Service Delivery – Realign monitoring systems to capture equity indicators and ensure inclusive WASH services for marginalized and vulnerable communities. 5. Knowledge Management & Documentation – Institutionalize evidence-based planning, documentation of best practices, and knowledge-sharing platforms. 6. Institutional Capacity Strengthening of ULBs – Support newly elected ULBs in sustaining WASH and FSSM services under 16th Finance Commission provisions. 7. Institutional Coordination & Convergence (WASH and CCES) – Strengthen coordination platforms across departments to align WASH with Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability (CCES). Scope of Work The selected agency will be responsible for delivering the following activities to support the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DWSD), Government of Jharkhand, in strengthening climate-resilient and sustainable WASH services: 1. Training of Trainers (ToT) -Conduct structured ToT sessions for Master Jal Sahiyas, Nal Jal Mitra, and DWSD officials, equipping them with standardized SOPs, technical skills, and competency-based curricula to ensure sustainable WASH service delivery. 2. District-Level Climate-Resilient WASH Planning Facilitate participatory planning workshops in 10 districts, integrate climate risk assessments, and establish monitoring frameworks to track sustainability, resilience, and adaptation of JJM schemes against climate challenges. 3. Operation & Maintenance (O&M;) Mechanisms and SBCC Campaigns Develop and roll out O&M; systems for sanitation assets, strengthen departmental capacities, and organize SBCC campaigns promoting community-centered, climate-resilient sanitation practices with prototypes and advocacy tools. 4. Equity Indicators and Participatory Campaigns Realign monitoring frameworks to capture equity indicators, train frontline workers, and conduct participatory campaigns empowering women, tribal groups, and vulnerable households in inclusive WASH decision-making processes. 5. Knowledge Documentation and Policy Briefs Systematically capture success stories, case studies, and lessons learned, prepar

6 **Expected Results**

Expected results: 1. Enhanced Institutional Capacity: DWSD officials, Master Jal Sahiyas, Nal Jal Mitra, and ULB representatives trained through standardized modules and ToT sessions, ensuring professional competency and consistent application of WASH standards across all levels. 2. Climate-Resilient WASH Systems: District-level WASH plans with integrated climate risk assessments institutionalize resilience planning, enabling DWSD to proactively address droughts, contamination, and water source depletion. 3. Strengthen evidence-based Monitoring and Accountability: State and district monitoring frameworks with measurable indicators embed systematic tracking of sustainability, resilience, and equity, strengthening departmental accountability and decision-making. 4. Knowledge repository for replication: Documentation of best practices, case studies, and policy briefs creates a robust knowledge base, supporting replication, innovation, and institutional memory for future WASH programming. 5. Community Engagement and Behaviour Change: SBCC toolkits and campaigns enhanced reach across the state, fostering community ownership of WASH services and embedding resilience at the grassroots level. 6. Integrated WASH–CCES Governance: Advocacy briefs, toolkits, and multi-stakeholder workshops institutionalize convergence between WASH and climate change priorities, aligning Jharkhand’s departmental functioning with national and global SDGs.

7 Indicative Budget

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8 Other Information

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9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Local experience and presence		30
Clarity of activities and expected results		30
Experience working with UN		20
Cost effectiveness		20

10 Attachments

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