

Call for Expression of Interest

Technical Assistance on Systems Strengthening, Capacity development, and Climate-Resilient WASH Programming in Schools and Anganwadi Centres in Jharkhand

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1 Timeline

Posted	Apr 29, 2026
Clarification Request Deadline	May 7, 2026
Application Deadline	May 15, 2026
Notification of Results	May 30, 2026
Start Date	Jul 1, 2026
End Date	Dec 31, 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 WASH in emergencies
 - e Water

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

UNICEF is supporting the Government of Jharkhand to strengthen institutional WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) programming through alignment with national and state flagship initiatives, including Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The programme prioritizes the delivery of sustainable, climate-resilient, and inclusive WASH services in schools, ensuring access to safe drinking water, gender-segregated sanitation facilities, and barrier-free infrastructure for all children. Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 strengthen WASH outcomes in Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) by promoting safe, inclusive, and climate-resilient practices through improved infrastructure, strengthened service delivery systems, and sustained

behaviour change interventions at both institutional and community levels. Together, these interventions contribute to the achievement of SDGs 3, 4, 5, 6, and 13 across schools and AWCs. Despite notable progress, sustainability of WASH services continues to be constrained by climate variability, context-specific challenges, and systemic gaps in operation and maintenance (O&M;) system. UNICEF, in collaboration with the Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC) and the Department of Women and Child Development & Social Security (DWCD&SS;), is advancing a systems-strengthening approach through the 3C framework to operationalize a “Clean and Green” ecosystem across 5,000 schools and 2,000 AWCs. The proposed intervention focuses on equitable access to WASH services with integration of climate awareness and green practices, aligned with Swachh Evam Harit Vidyalaya Rating (SHVR), Mukhyamantri Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (MSVP), Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 guidelines. It emphasizes institutional strengthening, capacity development, resource mapping, and convergence with existing financing streams such as school grants, DMFT, and Finance Commission funds. Given persistent gaps in equitable access, climate resilience, and sustained behaviour change across schools and Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), JEPC and DWCD&SS; have requested UNICEF’s support to system strengthen, enhance monitoring, and evidence-based knowledge management products to improve decision making. In this context, UNICEF invites proposals from CSOs/Institutions to provide technical assistance for institutional strengthening, capacity development, climate-resilient and sustainable WASH services across the state.

6 **Expected Results**

1. Institutionalization of Climate-Resilient WASH in Schools: State-level Climate-Resilient WASH Manual on Clean, Green, and Sustainable WASH is developed and formally endorsed by the State Education Department. A costed CR-WASH Action Plan is established, providing a strategic roadmap for budget allocation and implementation across 5,000 schools in selected districts. Institutional capacities are strengthened through standardized training modules, School Swachhata Action Plans (SSAPs), SOPs, and Training of Trainers (ToTs), ensuring consistent and high-quality delivery of climate-resilient WASH services. 2. Strengthened Capacity for WASH in Anganwadi Centres (AWCs): WASH planning and environmentally sustainable practices are systematically integrated into Anganwadi Centre (AWC) operations, and ensuring improved service delivery across 2,000 AWCs in selected districts. Enhanced capacities of state and district officials with improved inter-departmental convergence and effective leveraging of funds to upgrade and sustain WASH infrastructure. 3. Sustainable O&M; and Service Delivery Systems: Robust operation and maintenance mechanisms are established and institutionalized, supported by strengthened convergence with key line departments and effective fund utilization. These systems ensure long-term functionality, equity, quality, and sustainability of WASH infrastructure and services. 4. Capacity Development and Behaviour Change: Training of Trainers (ToTs), with over 100 departmental resource persons trained at state and divisional levels. 10,000 school leaders (two per school) across 5,000 schools are upskilled on CR-WASH practices. SMCs, Child Cabinets and Eco-Clubs are strengthened, facilitating WASH monitoring and engagement in 5,000 schools. 2,000 AWCs demonstrate improved WASH facilities and capacities. Behaviour change initiatives reach over 500,000 community members through localized hygiene promotion campaigns, reinforcing the “Clean and Green” school model. 5. Strengthened Knowledge Management: Comprehensive knowledge management systems are established, including documentation, development of knowledge products, and SBCC interventions. These efforts promote the replication and scaling of best practices, human-interest stories, and case studies, leading to sustained adoption of inclusive and climate-resilient WASH behaviour across School, Anganwadis and Communities.

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Local experience and presence	NGO/ Institutions should have presence in Jharkhand for at least 5 years	30

Clarity of activities and expected results	Working experience in government flagship programs- like SVP, ICDS, SBM and JJM, Climate change program etc. (Relevant documents/ referral letters to be attached)	30
Experience working with UN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs must be enlisted on UNPP as partner and assessed for PSEA or the Organization shall ensure that all its employees, personnel and sub-contractors comply with the standards of conduct listed in Section 3 of the UN Secretary-General's Bulletin on Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. 	20
Cost effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGO/ Institutions should have in house expertise in training and capacity building programs in area of WASH in Institutions 	20

10 Attachments

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11 Concept Note Template

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