

Call for Expression of Interest

Enhancing Resilient-WASH Services for Thriving Children and Businesses in West Java

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1 Timeline

Posted	Jul 14, 2026
Clarification Request Deadline	Jul 27, 2026
Application Deadline	Aug 3, 2026
Notification of Results	Aug 17, 2026
Start Date	Sep 21, 2026
End Date	Jun 21, 2027

2 Locations

- A Indonesia
 - a Java

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

- A Food Security
 - a Food assistance
- B WASH and Environment
 - a Basic sanitation
 - b Natural resources, environmental pollution and climate action
 - c Water

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

West Java are one of provinces in Indonesia with the highest numbers of children experiencing multiple deprivations, particularly in access to basic sanitation and safely managed sanitation services. West Java still faces challenges in eliminating open defecation in its remaining districts, while sanitation progress continues to be slow and requires stronger prioritization and investment from local governments. In 2025, only less than 11 per cent (10.77 per cent) of households in West Java had access to safely managed sanitation services, (BPS, 2025). Similarly, the proportion of households with access to basic sanitation services remained low in West Java at 76.2 per cent. Access to safely managed drinking water services also remains a major concern. It is only slightly above 25 per cent of households in West Java have access to safely managed drinking water services, and West Java faces increasing pressure on water

resources. The province rely heavily on the Java Basin, which supports approximately 57 per cent of Indonesia's population and 60 per cent of its businesses. Existing studies warn that Java may face absolute water scarcity by 2040, with water availability projected to decline to approximately 476 cubic metres per person annually. The inadequate WASH situation continues to expose children to preventable health risks and contributes to persistent child deprivation. Despite progress in reducing stunting rates in both provinces, these gains may not be sustainable if underlying environmental health risks remain unresolved. Limited access to safe sanitation and hygiene services increases children's vulnerability to waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea, which is closely associated with malnutrition, poor health outcomes, and impaired child development. Poor WASH conditions, therefore, continue to undermine children's wellbeing, resilience, and future opportunities. While one of the main challenges in the sanitation sector is primarily a lack of prioritisation, resulting in lower investment in increasing access and services, the challenges in the water sector are further compounded by climate change, population growth, urbanisation, and increasing competition for water resources among domestic, agricultural, and industrial users. In particular, water scarcity and declining water quality have emerged as growing concerns in several districts in West Java, affecting both communities and businesses. Strengthening climate-resilient WASH governance and sustainable water resource management is therefore critical to ensuring equitable and sustainable access to safe water and sanitation services in both provinces. To address these challenges, UNICEF intends to identify and engage an implementing partner through this Call for Expression of Interest (CFEI). The selected partner will work closely with the Provincial Governments of West Java, as well as selected district governments, to address key sector bottlenecks and strengthen the enabling environment for sustainable and inclusive WASH service delivery. Interventions are expected to support improved governance, institutional capacity, service delivery systems and community engagement. In West Java, particular attention will be given to addressing water scarcity issues through collaborative approaches involving government institutions, CSO, communities, and the private sector. The implementing partner will support initiatives that promote sustainable water stewardship and collective action under the Indonesia Collective Action Initiative of the CEO Water Mandate. This approach aims to strengthen partnerships between communities and businesses to ensure sustainable water management and shared responsibility for water security in a selected district, particularly through water replenishment activities. The partnership is expected to contribute to improve access to safely managed sanitation and drinking water services, while promoting climate-resilient, inclusive, and sustainable WASH practices. Interventions should support long-term systems strengthening and environmental sustainability across both provinces. These interventions align with UNICEF Indonesia's Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) 2026–2030, particularly Outcome 4 on WASH, Climate, and Environment. Specifically, they contribute to Output 4.1 on climate action and environmental sustainability, Output 4.2 on strengthening WASH governance, and Output 4.3 on improving WASH services and practices. Through this collaboration, UNICEF aims to reduce child deprivation and advance equitable access to safe, sustainable, and climate-resilient WASH services across West Java.

6 Expected Results

This partnership between UNICEF and the selected partner aims to support the government of West Java and selected districts in enhancing sustainable WASH services to support the thriving of children and businesses. The detailed expected results will be achieved through the key activities below Output 1: The selected local governments had strengthened capacities to expand safely managed sanitation (SMS) access and services across their districts. 1.1 Support public education and demand-creation initiatives to raise awareness of and increase demand for access to safely managed sanitation (SMS) facilities and services across target provinces and selected districts. 1.2 Conduct capacity-building programmes, including training and peer-learning activities, to strengthen the capacity of local governments, sanitation service providers, and other relevant stakeholders in implementing safe sanitation management practices and complying with service delivery standards. 1.3 Provide targeted technical assistance to strengthen policies, systems, and service delivery mechanisms that address key bottlenecks to achieving sustainable access to safely managed sanitation (SMS) in selected districts. 1.4 Strengthen private sector engagement and partnerships to expand access to and improve the sustainability of safely managed sanitation (SMS) services in target provinces and selected districts. Output 2: Selected local governments, communities, and businesses have enhanced their capacity and partnerships to improve climate-resilient, inclusive, and sustainable water stewardship and WASH service delivery. 2.1 Strengthen the capacity of sub-national governments through knowledge sharing, peer learning, advocacy, and high-visibility engagement to scale up and replicate climate-resilient water stewardship and WASH best practices across Indonesia. 2.2 Strengthen the climate resilience of water resources in selected districts through conduct baseline and endline survey, upstream watershed conservation, development of district-level resilience plans, and improvement or construction of water recharge and replenishment systems. 2.3 Increase access to climate-resilient water services by improving water and energy efficiency, reducing the vulnerability of water infrastructure, promoting water quality and safety, and strengthening monitoring and early warning systems. 2.4 Promote strong community

engagement, including the meaningful participation of women, children, and youth groups or forums in water resilience agenda. 2.5 Strengthen collective action of wider stakeholders, including governments, academia, CSOs, media, communities and businesses support sustainable and inclusive WASH and water stewardship practices. Stronger engagement with existing Citarum Task Force will be explored. The Result Framework matrix in the last section provides detailed outputs, location coverage, indicators to measure output achievement, including baseline data and targets for each indicator, and the means of verification.

7 Indicative Budget

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8 Other Information

The CSO is required to provide an organogram of their team, along with a detailed program implementation strategy, a pathway/flow, and a detailed budget. The preferred partner should meet the following criteria: 1. Deep understanding in the WASH Sector – Demonstrated broader understanding in advocating for child rights, particularly in sanitation and WASH in schools. 2. Strong expertise on Safely Managed Sanitation – Proven experience in implementing resilient WASH programs, particularly safely managed sanitation in various settings, including demonstrated capacity in construction works. 3. Strong expertise in water security and climate-resilient WASH systems - Proven experience in analysing water resilience challenges and designing and implementing interventions to improve water security and resilience. 4. Local Experience – Previous work experience in the target province and districts. 5. Collaborative Approach – Strong background in partnering and collaborating with local governments, NGOs, and other civil society organizations, with a strong emphasis on children's engagement. 6. Integration of GEDSI Principles – Commitment to Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), ensuring safe, participatory, and inclusive program implementation. 7. Commitment to Safeguarding and Protection – Adherence to the principles of preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and child safeguarding, with zero tolerance for sexual misconduct, harassment, abuse of authority, and discrimination. 8. Compliance with Ethical Standards – Full compliance with UNICEF's anti-corruption and anti-harassment policies. 9. Adherence to Labour Laws – Ensuring that all activities align with national labour laws.

9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Clarity of activities and expected results		20
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results		20
Contribution of resource		10
Cost effectiveness		20
Local experience and presence		20
Sector expertise and experience		10

10 Attachments

Description	URL
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11 Concept Note Template

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