

**Terms of Reference
for
WASH DRR/CCA Specialist**

Title	WASH DRR/CCA Specialist
Purpose	To provide technical assistance to the DRR/CCA planning and implementation in WASH
Location	Ha Noi/ Viet Nam (with number of field visits to the provinces/communes)
Duration	6 months
Start Date	July, 2016
Reporting to	P-4 WASH Specialist, UNICEF VCO

BACKGROUND:

The impact of the ongoing *El Niño* phenomenon and climate change has exposed Viet Nam with most severe drought that the country had not experienced in last 60 years. As a result of reduced precipitations that led to the drying up of the Mekong River; as the safe water lens receded, saline intrusion has posed additional challenge to the Mekong Delta region. Eighteen provinces are severely affected and/or had declared a state of emergency demanding humanitarian assistance to 2 million people.

With drying water wells and ponds, the growing lack of safe drinking water and resulting reduced water use for washing, ablution, and hand-washing, has already resulted in increased incidence of diarrhoea, dysentery, hand foot and mouth disease, and skin diseases. Existing open defecation practices have exacerbated the situation, posing an increased risk of further contamination of the limited water sources. The situation poses life threatening challenges to under-five children suffering from moderate to severe acute malnutrition and pregnant and lactating women who are malnourished. Moreover water shortages has led to lower frequency of bathing increasing health vulnerability among over a million women.

Apart of the ongoing emergency response, essential medium- and longer-term interventions are required over the next two to three years to promote recovery, resilience and disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, especially for the women and children who are most vulnerable to shocks. Interventions support an integrated environmental management approach that will protect water resource, enhance water storage, reduce water pollution and built resilience to both future drought and flood related extreme events – with special emphasis to drinking/ domestic water resources.

The incumbent technical professional is expected to bring in critical inputs to the WASH programming to recovery assistance with special focus on resilience building. This in turn will help UNICEF to demonstrate DRR/CCA incorporated into the overall rural development programs in selected provinces and help scale up across the country.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the position is to provide technical assistance to the recovery and risk-reduction aspects of the WASH programming aiming to develop resilient communes making best use of available resources for the provinces, ensuring specific interest of vulnerable children and their care-givers, in coordination with relevant stakeholders.

MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Develop inputs to integrate DRR/CCA interventions in line with the overall environmental protection with specific emphasis on the domestic/ drinking water resources and water supply and sanitation systems. The areas of work will include:

- Develop advocacy plan(s) for the promotion of DRR/CCA WASH programming as an integral part of provincial rural development programs.
- Define detailed interventions/ activities across WASH and other related program components to support DRR/CCA across provinces.
- Develop multi-stakeholder capacity development plans for DRR/CCA that in turn will develop resilient communities.
- Support development of commune action plans and implementation support to the DRR/CCA and other relevant plans as maybe necessary.
- Support research efforts to develop innovative solutions on WASH for vulnerable communes residing in drought and saline intrusion localities.

The incumbent will work with relevant staffs/ consultants in UNICEF and other UN agencies, officials in the national/provincial water and sanitation departments/agencies, and other partner agencies including CSOs/NGOs to meet to the objective of the assignments.

REPORTING:

The position will report to P-4 WASH Specialist in UNICEF Viet Nam Country Office.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION:

- Advanced university degree or equivalent experience in Environmental Public Health, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Geology, Hydrogeology, or Sanitation Engineering, or other related field.
- A minimum of 5 years of experience in WASH – with demonstrated experience and sound knowledge of DRR and Climate Change Adaptation concepts and practical experience with its implementation.
- Experience working with government agencies, local authorities, international organizations, NGOs and communities in the field of water, sanitation and participatory approaches in health and hygiene promotion.
- Fluency in English (verbal and written). Good written and spoken skills in the language of the technical communication in the areas of DRR/CCA is essential. Knowledge on local language is an asset.