

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EMERGENCY (SURGE) MISSIONS

<b>Title:</b>	WASH Sector Coordinator
<b>Reports to:</b>	Chief Health and Nutrition
<b>Duration:</b>	Three month deployment with a possibility to extend to six months
<b>Location:</b>	Caracas, Venezuela

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### BACKGROUND

In the 2010 update of the Core Commitments for Children (CCCs) is the explicit commitment that *appropriate and experienced staff and personnel with relevant deployment training are provided and rapidly deployed, that focus on action in the first eight critical weeks of humanitarian response and provide guidance for action beyond that, moving towards defined benchmarks.*

The position forms part of the Venezuela Migrant Crisis Scale Up Plan (L2/). The situation in Venezuela has changed significantly since 2015 as consequence of the protracted economic crisis. Shortage of some basic goods, demonstrations, looting, increased poverty, migration, hyperinflation, exchange distortions, reduction of imports, lack of updated official economic indicators, with social and political tensions rising, are some of the challenges faced by the country. The complex economic and socio-political dynamics triggered by the crisis are impacting the population's capacity to access to enough and appropriate services and goods in the areas of health, nutrition, education, electricity, child protection, water and sanitation. UNICEF Venezuela contributes to strengthen the national capacity in the areas of Education, Nutrition, Health, WASH and Protection, by scaling up its cooperation program to address emerging needs that children and women are facing in the context of the current crisis.

Following the decision of the UNCT, sector coordination groups have been activated, with UNICEF leading the Nutrition and WASH sector.

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### PURPOSE

In collaboration with national authorities, provide country-level leadership and facilitate processes that will ensure a well-coordinated, coherent, strategic, and effective WASH response by a mobilized, organized and adequately-resourced groups of agencies, organizations, NGOs, local communities, etc. In support of the national government, act as interface between humanitarian WASH partners and duty bearers to ensure WASH related needs of the affected population are properly covered

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### MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

#### Coordination mechanisms

- Ensure the inclusion of key WASH humanitarian partners in a way that respects their mandates and programme priorities, as well as national and local authorities, other governmental actors, civil society and other actors working and related to the WASH sectoral response.
- Ensure appropriate coordination mechanisms between all WASH humanitarian partners are in place, including effective links, communication and information management, as well as technical working groups and/or sub-national coordination platforms as appropriate.
- Ensure information on all current and potential WASH partners, their capacities and areas of work (including Who, What, Where and When) are properly collected, analysed and fed back to partners

#### Needs assessment, analysis and strategy development

- Ensure effective and coherent WASH assessment, analysis and feedback involving all relevant partners, including the identification of gaps and conceptualize how sectoral needs can be met through collective delivery, involving all relevant partners and ensuring complementarity of their actions.
- Facilitate WASH sector and its members/partners:

- develop/update agreed WASH responses strategies and prioritised action plans and ensuring these are adequately reflected in the overall country strategies and appeals.
- are aware of relevant policies, guidelines, technical standards and relevant commitments that the Government/concerned authorities have undertaken under international human rights law; and that sectoral response is in line with them.
- develop an exit/transition strategy for the WASH sector and key sector partners.
- Facilitate integration of agreed priority cross-cutting issues in WASH assessments, analysis, planning, monitoring and response (e.g. age, diversity, environment, gender, HIV/AIDS and human rights) as well as the utilization of participatory and community based approaches in WASH the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the WASH response.
- Facilitate WASH humanitarian responses build on local capacities.
- Promote WASH emergency response actions while at the same time considering WASH within early recovery planning as well as prevention and risk reduction concerns.

#### Monitoring and reporting

- Ensure adequate monitoring mechanisms are in place to review outcomes of WASH interventions and progress against strategy and action plans; including an analytical interpretation of best available information in order to benchmark progress over time (monitoring indicators: quantity, quality, coverage, continuity and cost; with target population data disaggregated by sex, age, etc.).
- Ensure adequate WASH outcome reporting and effective information sharing (with government and other partner support) to demonstrate closing the gaps.

#### Intersectoral coordination and advocacy

- Ensure effective links with other sectoral coordination platforms and represent the interests of the WASH sector in discussions with the UNICEF Representative and Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC) and other stakeholders on prioritization, resource mobilization and advocacy.
- Identify core WASH advocacy concerns, include resource requirements, and contribute key messages to broader advocacy initiatives of the RC/HC, UNICEF and other actors.
- Advocate to donors to fund WASH actors to carry out priority WASH activities in the sector concerned, while mobilize at the same time encouraging WASH actors to mobilize resources for their activities through usual channels.
- Where critical gaps in addressing WASH priorities are identified:
  - lobby for implementing humanitarian partners (including UNICEF) to address the gaps;
  - with advice/support from the UNICEF Representative, RC/HC and other humanitarian partners advocate, as appropriate, on the adequate provision of resources and safe access.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES**

- University degree (minimum preference at Master's Degree level) qualification desirably in subjects/ areas of WASH e.g. Health Promotion or Education, Civil or Public Health Engineering, Public Health (MPH), Environmental Health. Note that work experience may substitute for higher degree qualification.
- Knowledge of WASH sector as a whole and its priority issues; an ability to strategize how these sectoral needs are met through collective delivery, and ensuring that the roles, responsibilities and functional linkages among sector support team are clear and well-coordinated
- A minimum of 2 years of experience of responding to first phases of an emergency.
- A minimum of 5 years of experience with either the UN and/or NGO
- Fluency in English and Spanish (verbal and written).