

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR EMERGENCY (SURGE) MISSIONS

Title:	WASH Sector Coordinator
Reports to:	Chief WASH
Duration:	Six months deployment
Location:	Ouagadougou, BURKINA FASO

BACKGROUND

Since early January 2019, the humanitarian situation in Burkina Faso has further deteriorated. The number of IDPs has unprecedentedly increase (mostly in the Sahel and Centre-Nord Region) due to increased attacks by violent extremist groups, coupled with inter-community clashes. To date, almost 220,000 IDPs have been registered including 89,000 new IDPs in 2019. It is estimated that more than 800,000 people are directly affected by the insecurity. More than 370,000 people are without or with very limited access to health due to 37 health structures closed and 50 with minimum operations. 330,000 children (46.6 per cent girls) do not have access to education due to 2,024 schools closed. 410 security incidents have been registered since January 2018 from which 157 since January 2019.

Access to humanitarian actors to the emergency-affected zones are rapidly decreasing, undermining timely scale up of humanitarian assistances. The current humanitarian situation together with reduced domestic resource allocation to social sectors is putting a significant pressure on already limited access to quality basic social services among population.

The inter agency Burkina Faso-Plan d'urgence-2019 estimates the population in need at 1.5 million, from which more than 800,000 will be directly affected by the insecurity.

The current emergency context requires UNICEF and partners to quickly operationalize the emergency coordination system to expand multi-sectoral humanitarian responses. UNICEF plays a crucial role in sectoral coordination in emergency as the lead agency in three sectors and one sub sector (Education, WASH, Nutrition and child protection). The Country Office (CO) is hiring additional human resources to reinforce the office's capacity in emergency response and coordination.

UNICEF, as highlighted in their Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian responses, is fully committed to interagency humanitarian reform and supports this through provision of leadership and participation in assigned clusters and sectors.

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the right of every child, everywhere in everything the organization does – in programmes, in advocacy and in operations. The equity strategy, emphasizing the most disadvantaged and excluded children and families, translates this commitment to children's rights

into action. For UNICEF, equity means that all children have an opportunity to survive, develop and reach their full potential, without discrimination, bias or favoritism. To the degree that any child has an unequal chance of life – in its social, political, economic, civic and cultural dimensions – her or his rights are violated. There is growing evidence that investing in the health, education and protection of a society's most disadvantaged citizens – addressing inequity – not only will give more children the opportunity to fulfill their potential but also will lead to sustained growth and stability of countries. This is why focus on equity is so vital. It accelerates progress towards realizing the human rights of all children, which is the universal mandate of UNICEF, as outlined by the Convention of the Child, while supporting the equitable development of nations

PURPOSE

The WASH sector coordinator will report to the chief of WASH for guidance and general supervision.

In collaboration with national authorities, and humanitarian actors provide country-level leadership and facilitate processes that will ensure a well-coordinated, coherent, strategic, and effective emergency 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

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 emergency 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, analyzed 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 cluster/sector and its members/partners:
 - develop/update agreed WASH responses strategies and prioritized 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.
- Ensures accountability towards beneficiaries within the WASH sector partners.

Monitoring and reporting

- Ensure adequate monitoring mechanisms are in place to review outcomes of the sector 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 sector partners support) to demonstrate closing the gaps.
- Develop monitoring and reporting tools and ensure its use by the humanitarian community, including government

Intersectoral coordination and advocacy

- Ensure effective links with other clusters or sectoral coordination platforms and represent the interests of the WASH sector in discussions with the the chief of WASH 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's priorities are identified:
 - lobby for implementing humanitarian partners (including UNICEF) to address the gaps;
 - with advice/support from the Chief of WASH 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/cluster 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 Cluster 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 5-8 years of experience with either the UN and/or NGO
- Fluency in **French and English** (verbal and written). Good written and spoken skills in the language of the humanitarian operation and knowledge of another UN language an asset.