

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:** WASH Emergency Specialist (Monitoring)- Sub-National

**Duty Station:** Pemba City, Cabo Delgado Province, Mozambique

**Geographical coverage:** Districts of Cabo Delgado (focus of work), Nampula, Niassa

**Section Submitting:** UNICEF WASH

**Position level:** P3

**Reporting to:** Chief of WASH (Maputo)/ WASH Specialist (Pemba)

**Duration:** 6 months

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Mozambique is facing complex challenges resulting in serious humanitarian impact which is exacerbating pre-existing vulnerabilities across all sectors. Humanitarian partners are working in different fronts, including the closure of the L3 emergency response from 2019 (cyclones Idai and Kenneth), COVID-19 preparedness and response and the increased needs due to the deteriorating conflict related humanitarian situation and IDP crisis in the northern provinces.

Cabo Delgado, a province in northern Mozambique, has been experiencing recurrent attacks by Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG) since October 2017 resulting in severe humanitarian impacts to the local population. The attacks started in Mocimboa da Praia expanding gradually to an additional eight districts and has deteriorated seriously in the last six months, resulting in a cumulative 493 violent events and 1,495 reported fatalities. There are over 500,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) in the 17 districts of the province and about 45% of the IDPs are children. The IDP population concentrates in Cabo Delgado province but has also spilled over to neighboring provinces of Nampula and Niassa.

While most IDPs are living with host families, a network of up to 40 temporary transit or accommodation centers in Cabo Delgado host the population when displaced. 20 permanent relocation or resettlement sites are being set-up/demarcated by the government and clusters to accommodate those IDPs that are not absorbed into the host population. Key aspects of the UNICEF WASH emergency intervention revolve around the provision of WASH services in these sites through emergency water supply (through water trucking, extensions from nearby water networks, etc.) and emergency sanitation (constructing emergency communal latrines) while improving the strained public services in the host population areas with a high density of IDPs. More sustainable water and sanitation solutions are also being rolled out in many of the sites through permanent infrastructure construction (hand pumps, solar boreholes, household latrines). Areas where basic WASH standards are not achieved expose the IDP populations to higher risk for disease transmission.

UNICEF is implementing a multisectoral response to provide immediate emergency assistance to assist the IDPs, host communities and children in need as well as to address disease outbreaks detected in the province such as cholera, measles and malaria. During the month of December, Cholera has been reported in Cabo Delgado in several districts. UNICEF, in line with the WASH cluster strategic plan, is responding as per its Core Commitments for Children (CCCs) in Humanitarian Action. WASH emergency response interventions will include activities through Government and NGO implementing partners.

UNICEF has field presence in Cabo Delgado and Nampula with sectoral expertise to achieve the results for children planned. For the inaccessible areas, wherever possible, UNICEF will establish partnerships with organizations with capacity to operate in such areas. All actions will be coordinated with the Government and through the cluster mechanism, with UNICEF leading the WASH, Education, Nutrition clusters and Child Protection Area of Responsibility.

With Cabo Delgado province being the province with the largest impact, specific technical capacity is required at field level to support implementation activities in coordination with other partners and stakeholders. To manage the field level implementation of UNICEF response and provide technical support to partners and WASH sector in general, dedicated capacity is required in the form of a WASH Emergency Specialist based in Pemba city, Cabo Delgado province. The WASH Emergency Specialist will also serve as liaison with UNICEF WASH team in Maputo and national and sub-national cluster coordination.

COVID-19 has spread throughout the country (17,042, cases as of 15<sup>th</sup> December), where seven out of ten provinces are at high risk and MoH projected COVID-19 cases to reach 800,000. The WASH cluster has developed and is implementing a strategy for COVID-19 prevention and response that covers both actions at health facilities and community level, focused in most impacted and at-risk areas. In line with the cluster strategy, UNICEF has PCAs with four implementing partners, covering eight out of 10 provinces. In addition, UNICEF is also co-leading the WASH pillar response for COVID-19 with the Ministry of Health.

## METHODOLOGY AND TECHNICAL APPROACH

Under the overall supervision of the Chief of WASH (Maputo) and day-to-day supervision of the WASH Specialist (Pemba), in close coordination with other members of the Pemba and WASH field team, the WASH Specialist will support the field-level implementation of UNICEF WASH emergency response interventions from Cabo Delgado province, together with surrounding Nampula and Niassa provinces, in collaboration with Government authorities and in line with national agreed strategies and prioritization. The WASH Specialist will provide WASH field supervisory capacity and technical support to implementing partners and sector stakeholders and contribute to the implementation of UNICEF

overall response to the emergency, in line with WASH cluster strategy. S/He will work in close coordination with other members of the WASH team, particularly those working on the implementation of the UNICEF WASH emergency response and field monitoring as well with other WASH cluster members, including UN Agencies, NGO partners, etc.

## ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

In coordination with other WASH stakeholders and sectors, and with a focus on the activities coordinated from Cabo Delgado province, the WASH Specialist will be responsible for:

- Following-up the progress of WASH activities in accommodation centres / resettlement sites and liaising with implementing partners to navigate through bottlenecks, ensure technical and operational compliance and timely execution of projects vis-a-vis approved plans and targets and aim for ongoing activities to cover minimum standards.
- Undertake regular field monitoring and supportive supervision visits to areas targeted by the UNICEF emergency response and WASH sector response, including discussions with implementing partners, Government stakeholders, project participants or beneficiaries. The emergency response activities to be monitored will include, but are not be limited to:
  - Emergency water supply interventions, including rehabilitation of water supply systems in urban areas / small towns, installation and operation of water distribution points and other water supply sources in accommodation centres / institutions.
  - Installation and operation of sanitation and hygiene facilities in accommodation centres / resettlement sites / institutions
  - Rehabilitation / upgrading of water supply sources in affected communities and institutions
  - Distribution of WASH NFI items among affected communities.
  - Community mobilization, hygiene and sanitation promotion activities at community level,
- Reporting of UNICEF WASH response interventions within UNICEF, WASH cluster and other reporting requirements ensuring compliance with key programme indicators and objectives .
- On behalf of UNICEF WASH, participate in WASH cluster and other external coordination fora (eg CCCM (Camp Coordination and Camp Management) coordination meetings, cholera task force), including joint activities for needs assessment, response monitoring, etc.
- Support sound technical and methodological design and implementation approach for WASH assessments, KAP surveys as well as Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) and monitoring plans
- Participate in WASH and multisectoral assessments and devise implementation strategies for new populations/areas in need.
- Support analysis of WASH sector needs and priorities and definition of sector strategies and standards to ensure WASH response is implemented as per national and international humanitarian standards.
- Organise and conduct training activities in WASH monitoring and Evaluation to UNICEF WASH implementing partners and cluster partners as needed.
- Support the including identification of requirements for implementation (i.e. funding, supplies, implementing partners, etc.) in line with WASH cluster standards, UNICEF CCCs and WASH response strategies, outcomes, target population, etc.

## MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

The WASH Specialist will work under the overall supervision of the Chief of WASH (Maputo) and day-to-day supervision of the WASH Specialist (Pemba), in close interaction with WASH Emergency Specialist (Maputo) and other members of the WASH team in Maputo and Pemba, Government and WASH cluster / UNICEF implementing partners as appropriate.

## QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE

- Advanced university degree or equivalent experience in Environmental Public Health, Civil Engineering, or other WASH related field.
- Proven experience in management of WASH emergency responses, particularly in displaced/refugee contexts. A minimum of 5 years of experience with either the UN and/or NGO.
- Knowledge of digital data collection platforms and methodologies
- Experience representing UNICEF (and the WASH cluster if needed) in coordination fora outside the WASH cluster (e.g. cholera task force,
- Ability to consolidate information from multiple sources and write timely and succinct information analysis and report writing
- Fluency in English and a Latin language. Fluency in Portuguese is a strong asset.