

## Terms of Reference – Surge Assignment / Stretch Assignment

### UNICEF Somalia

Position & Level: WASH Specialist (P3)  
Duration : 3 months  
Reporting to : Chief of WASH Section / Chief of Field Office

#### Background

Decades of conflict, recurrent climatic shocks, disease outbreaks, large-scale evictions, desert locusts, and increasing poverty, are devastating the people of Somalia. The overall number of people in need has increased over the last three years from 5.2 million people in 2020 to 5.9 million in 2021 and 7.7 million in 2022 for the entire of Somalia.

Somalia remains on the frontline of climate change and is the most severely drought-affected regions in the Horn of Africa. The cumulative effects of the three consecutive below-average rainy seasons have resulted in a sharp forecasted increase in WASH, food, and health needs, especially in rural areas. The drought emergency, declared on 23 November, has affected at least 3.2 million people in 90 per cent of the country's districts and displaced some 169,000 people. Without a scale up of humanitarian assistance, some 3.8 million Somalis are estimated to face acute food insecurity through January, rising to 4.6 million people by May.

Critically, climate change is also increasingly understood as a major driver of conflict in Somalia as the struggle for diminishing resources aggravates clan divisions and inter-clan conflict. Climate change disrupts rural livelihoods, resulting in rapid urbanization which in turn contributes to high rates of forced evictions. These evictions are among the most severe and prevalent protection threats in Somalia, representing both a cause and a multiplier of the internal displacement crisis.

UNICEF leads the WASH Cluster, Nutrition, Education, and Child Protection Working Groups in Somalia. UNICEF programming approach to this response has aimed to build capacities of the government institutions at the state and local level. Most of the programme interventions are implemented through the state ministries and line departments and address the needs of both internally displaced populations and host communities. The response interventions aim to provide a strong basis for longer term development of the local populations through system and capacity development.

#### Purpose

Under the supervision and direction of the Field Office WASH Specialist and in coordination with the Chief of Field Office and Chief of WASH (Mogadishu), the WASH Specialist will support and undertake preparedness interventions in line with Somalia Emergency Preparedness Plan, manage implementation, monitoring of the drought emergency WASH interventions, and supports the inter-agency coordination of the WASH cluster at state level.

The WASH Specialist will provide technical guidance and management support; the activities will include, pro-actively working with Mogadishu WASH team in maintaining readiness of all WASH partners (both government, contractors and I/NGOs), preposition of critical WASH supplies and accelerate implementation of ongoing and new WASH interventions. The specialist will make close follow up, monitor and mobilize staff and third-party monitoring partners (TPMs) for quality assurance of all ongoing WASH infrastructure works as well as immediate interventions, such as water trucking and installation of emergency WASH facilities. In addition, s/he will work with WASH partners including attending monthly meetings and provide periodic update on UNICEF response. The specialist will also support the implementation of the regular development programme in line with the principle of the humanitarian-

development nexus and resilience. S/he will collate and analyses programmatic information from the field and will prepare brief updates and reports on UNICEF's ongoing WASH response.

### Expected Results

- Ensure effective, integrated and timely WASH response through strengthened technical support in planning, implementation and monitoring.
- Strengthen the capacity WASH officers and implementing partners in the field focusing on scaling up response.
- Improved WASH response monitoring and reporting both for internal use, visibility and donor reports.
- WASH Cluster Support at state level.

### Key Duties & Responsibilities

- Provide technical support to WASH officers for timely and effective implementation of critical WASH interventions in emergency affected areas.
- Support the field offices to ensure readiness for timely WASH interventions in targeted provinces and districts.
- Work with WASH officers to collate and analyze information on WASH response and prepare bi-weekly and monthly update/input on the emergency response. This includes preparation of monthly brief on UNICEF response on conflict and drought including monthly donor reports as necessary.
- Conduct supportive monitoring field visits to project areas to monitor the quality and timeliness of WASH response.
- Participate in coordination meetings, including WASH Cluster, both at national and field level as appropriate to represent UNICEF.

### To qualify for this assignment the staff member will have:

- A first university degree in one of the following fields is required: civil/water engineering, sanitary engineering or another relevant technical field.
- Additional relevant M.Sc. or post-graduate courses that complement/supplement the main degree is an advantage.
- A minimum of five years of professional work experience in WASH-related developmental and humanitarian programmes for developing countries is required.

#### Technical requirements

- Rural water supply for low- and middle-income countries - including water safety, sustainability
- Rural sanitation for low- and middle-income countries, incl sustainability; applying CATS principles
- Urban sanitation for low- and middle-income countries, incl sustainability
- WASH-in-Schools and Health Centers.
- Menstrual hygiene management
- Humanitarian WASH – preparedness
- Humanitarian WASH - response and recovery
- Humanitarian WASH – coordination of the response
- Programme/project management
- Capacity development
- Knowledge management
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Human rights and WASH
- Language Requirements: fluency in English is required.