

Terms of Reference

Evaluated at NOA level
By Marwa K. on 27 Mar 2023

This consultancy is requested by:

Unit:	Promoting health through life course
Department	RMNCAH and Nutrition

1. Purpose

To provide technical support in provision of essential reproductive maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCAH) services, growth monitoring, nutrition screening, integrated nutrition services including support on severe acute malnutrition (SAM) with complications in Nutrition Stabilization Centers (NSCs) in the WHO emergency operation cells during flood emergency response at provincial level.

2. Background

Pakistan has been drenched by intensified monsoon rains this summer that have led to the country's worst flooding in a decade. According to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the floods have adversely affected more than 33 million people and damaged more than 1 million houses. A total of 81 districts have been declared "calamity hit" nationwide. Unfortunately, the healthcare delivery system for optimal delivery of key RMNCH services was already challenged and the recent flood situation has further compromised the capacity of health system to respond to the healthcare needs of affected population. Considering the fact that during emergency approximately 70% of the affected population comprise of women and children, Reproductive maternal, neonatal, child adolescent health and nutrition interventions are key.

Keeping in view the same, WHO Pakistan is concerting its efforts to provide flood relief response at provincial level through WHO emergency operations cells (EOCs). The teams allocated/deployed at these EOCs will provide coverage to the adjacent affected districts in the same division. In order to provide coordination and lead the provision of RMNCH and nutrition services to the affected population in catchment districts, technical officers are required to support the WHO team.

3. Planned timelines A total of **40 working days** spread over the following timeframe:

Start date: 1/11/2023

End date: 31/12/2023

4. Work to be performed

The consultant would work very closely with the NPO-RMNCAH and Nutrition, Head of WHO sub-office and focal points from district and provincial departments of health to achieve the following:

- Collaborate with government stakeholders and relevant partners on ground to organize meetings for discussing and ensuring synergistic response planning and implementation;
- Provide administrative support to the team at EOC for day-to-day matters;
- Support the MNCH services through health clinics and mobile delivery vans in the catchment districts;

- conduct data management and reporting activities from all service delivery points for regular reporting;
- Arrange with relevant teams for ensuring timely provision of logistic support for smooth functioning of EOC and service delivery in the field;
- Update provincial data base in line with the analysis focused on predefined nutrition indicators, and the data collected at provincial level
- Collect information, compile date, and analyse indicators of the planning, implementation and reporting of emergency nutrition interventions to ensure that resources are utilized on efficient and effective manner.
- Conduct nutrition screening of under five children in camps, communities and health facilities in all targeted EOCs and adjacent districts.
- Compile and submit daily reports on nutrition screening and referrals to WHO Provincial and country office.
- Recommend referral mechanism for children identified to be malnourished through routine screening, to OTP or nutrition stabilisation centres using a standard criteria.
- Communicate and follow up with other UN agencies and stakeholders to ensure complementarity of the nutrition response in the flood emergency area.
- Collect and keep proper and updated record of all nutrition supplements, medicines and equipment of support provided to Nutrition Stabilization Centers/ camps/ facilities/ therapeutic supplies in the province.
- Conduct field visits to examine and provide support to ongoing nutrition interventions.
- Arrange for technical briefings/workshops of nutrition in emergency, growth monitoring, Infant young child feeding in emergencies, community management of acute malnutrition and Inpatient treatment of SAM children with complications to relevant staff in the flood affected areas.
- Through coordination at provincial level, draft reports and bulleting on the progress of the emergency response, highlighting the challenges, gaps and success.

5. Technical Supervision

The selected Consultant will work under the supervision of:

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6. Specific requirements

Qualifications required:

- **Required:** MBBS OR Midwifery graduate degree with postgraduate diploma or specialized training/certificate in public health with significant trainings in nutrition
- **Desirable:** Master's in public health with significant trainings in nutrition

Experience required:

- At least 1 year of work experience with national or international organizations on reproductive health and or nutrition.
- Work experience in nutrition interventions/management / programming including nutrition stabilisation centres and or Reproductive health will be desirable

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

- Report writing skills
- Excellent networking and coordination skills
- Data management skills

Language requirements:

Proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English & local language is required.

7. Place of assignment

Based in Sindh province.