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**Terms of Reference**

This is requested by:

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| Unit: | Promoting Health through the Life Course |
| Department: | Nutrition |

1. **Purpose of the Consultancy**

The incumbent will provide technical assistance on severe acute malnutrition (SAM), nutrition in emergencies, nutrition screening, integrated nutrition services and support to nutrition stabilization centre and roll out of nutrition Surveillance System (NSS) in assigned area (Sindh, Punjab, KPK, Balochistan). 04 Positions

**Background:**

There is a nutrition emergency in Pakistan with wasting and stunting at 17.7and 40.1 percent respectively. Recent flood in the country has exacerbated the challenge of nutrition emergency. Pakistan is facing high rates of malnutrition, particularly among children and women of reproductive age. A lack of timely, accurate, and comprehensive data on health and nutrition hinders effective policy making and programming to address these issues.

World Health Organization is currently working through multi-sectoral approach along with Nutrition Wing, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination, Provicnial Health Departments (Punjab, Sindh, KPK and Baluchistan) other UN partners, and relevant stakeholders to strengthen screening and inpatient life-saving care to severely acute malnourished children in the flood nutrition emergency districts in the country. In this regard, Nutrition Programme need support of a dedicated Nutrition Associates to assist Technical Officers RMNCAH&N to respond to the nutrition challenges at provincial level.

1. **Planned timelines** (subject to confirmation)

Start date: 01/11/2023

End date: 30/06/2024

1. **Work to be performed.**

**Output 1:** Report on establishment and strengthening of the NSCs at WHO targeted health care facilities

**Deliverable 1.1**: review and analyse data to identify gaps through need assessment, programming for filling in the gaps for sustainability of the NSCs at facilities by performing coordination activities at the provincial level.

**Deliverable 1.2:** Conduct data collation, analysis and interpretation from across the province and ensure quality of service delivery

**Deliverable 1.3:** Assist in required coordination with stakeholders for smooth establishment and functioning of NSCs in target districts, supported under BISP and during the recent flood emergency, and analysing information and performance of Nutrition service delivery across province as well as support for training interventions in Sam Management.

**Deliverable 1.4 :** Assist Technical Officer RMNCAH &Nutrition in desk reviews and generating monitoring reports of the project activities, with assistance of the Nutrition Data associate

**Output 2:** Provincial data bases update based on the analysis focused on predefined nutrition indicators, and the data collected from the health facilities and community, related to WHO supported activities and particularly NSS

**Deliverable 2.1**: assist in the planning, implementation, and reporting of emergency nutrition Interventions through monitoring of project activities and ensuring that resources are utilized on efficient and effective manner.

**Deliverable 2.2:** Assist in operationalize nutrition screening of under five children in camps, communities, and health facilities in the implementation districts.

**Deliverable 2.3:** draft reports to WHO Provincial and country office on nutrition screening data.

**Deliverable 2.4:** Design and adapt a referral mechanism for children identified to be malnourished through routine screening, to OTP or nutrition stabilization centers using a standard criterion.

**Deliverable 2.5:** help assist Nutrition Data Associate under guidance of Techncial Officer RMNCAH to maintain data 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.

**Deliverable 2.7**: provide support at provincial level, draft a report on the progress of the emergency response, highlighting the challenges, gaps and success stories and bulletins. Sharing of reports on screening/ referrals daily and process indicators weekly.

**Output 3:** Assist implementation of province specific NSS initiative, based on localized needs, in accordance with the national NSS guidance and protocols, ensure proper reporting from the Sentinel Sites

**Deliverable 3.1**: Conduct data analysis jointly with Nutrition Data Associate and mapping of stakeholders for coordination and develop meetings minutes ‘documentation.

**Deliverable 3.2**: Conduct meetings, trainings to localize province specific NSS tools and data collection tools, undertake data quality check and validations and propose corrective measures.

**Deliverable 3.3**: Provide support for training interventions in Surveillance and addressing support for training interventions in Sam Management or Surveillance Conduct visits of NNSS sites/centers and provide timely feedback and report on findings.

1. **Technical Supervision**

The selected Consultant will work under the direct supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer:  | Ellen Thom Cluster Lead Cat IIIDr Noureen NishtarNational Professional Officer NutritionTechnical Officer RMNCAH&N, WHO SUB Office (Punjab, Sindh, KPK and Baluchistan) | Email: | thome@who.intNishtarn@who.intygulzar@who.intmunirb@who.intkhanmaz@who.intsherania@who.int  |
| Manager: | Dr Palitha Mahipala, WHO Representative/Head of Mission, Pakistan | Email: | mahipalap@who.int |

1. **Specific requirements**

Qualifications required:

**Essential:** Degree/Certificates or Diploma in medicine, public health/ public health nutrition, nursing or another related field

**Preferred:**

* Experience of working with health and nutrition sector and understanding of data collection and reporting systems within the health programs
* Experience in training and capacity building.
* Familiarity and experience working in MNCH & Nutrition program in Pakistan is preferred.

Experience required:

At least two (02) year work experience in nutrition related reporting and data management with sound experience of nutrition service delivery at provincial and districts level.

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

* Sound interpersonal and communication skills
* Working experience with WHO in nutrition intervention and closely working with DOH will be preferred.
* Ability to show activeness and creativity in working environment
* Excellent reports writing and analytical skills
* Ability to work in the intensive care settings and willingness to travel to intervention sites, frequently.
* Sound monitoring and supervision skills

 Language requirements:

Excellent spoken and written skills of local and English languages.

1. **Place of assignment**

The selected candidate will be based in Sindh, Punjab, KPK and Balochistan (04 Positions), with travel as required/advised by supervisor.