

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Project Preparation Partnership for Climate-resilient Water Projects

Senior Advisor - Technical Support for Capacity Building and Implementation of the GWP-UNICEF Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilience

REPORTS TO: GWP SA Executive Secretary/Coordinator: Global Water, Climate and Development Programme

Location: Home based with frequent travel to Pretoria, South Africa

Duration: 8 months, with the possibility of extension subject to availability of funding

1. Background

Global Water Partnership (GWP) and partners recently launched the **Project Preparation Partnership for Climate-resilient Water Projects** to provide a platform for countries to exchange knowledge and lessons as their experience in preparing, financing and implementing water projects grows, in particular, in the context of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

The partnership provides a platform for those that are committed to working together to enable countries to access the technical and financial support they need to prepare and implement climate-resilient water projects efficiently and effectively. Among these are the African and Asian coalition of National Designated Authorities (NDAs), Direct Access Entities (DAEs), water ministries and agencies, regional institutions, climate and development financiers, the private sector and other entities.

The Partnership for Africa¹ was launched in September 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa. A similar Partnership focused on Asia² was set in motion to support climate-resilient water projects for the Green Climate Fund across Central Asia and the Caucasus, South Asia, Southeast Asia and China.

The partnership provides a structured resource for countries to continue accessing strategic and technical support to prioritize and prepare climate-resilient water projects via a flexible mechanism that enables demand-driven technical assistance for NDAs, DAEs, and national water agencies.

As part of the partnership, GWP seeks a Senior Advisor to support follow up on the Project Preparation Partnership for Climate-resilient Water Projects focusing on 'Support for Capacity Building and Implementation of the GWP-United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Strategic Framework for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Climate Resilient Development'.

2. GWP-UNICEF Strategic Framework on WASH Climate Resilient Development

GWP and UNICEF have been collaborating on the development of WASH climate resilience. The first phase of the GWP-UNICEF collaboration was completed in 2014 with the creation of the Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilient Development (UNICEF and GWP 2014). This advanced sector addresses WASH

¹ <https://www.gwp.org/en/About/more/news/2018/gwp-and-partners-launch-africa-project-preparation-partnership-for-gcf-water-concepts/>

² <https://www.gwp.org/en/About/more/news/2018/partnership-set-in-motion-to-support-national-institutions-to-develop-climate-resilient-water-projects-for-the-green-climate-fund/>

and climate change, cutting across both development and emergency preparedness programmatic spheres with climate resilience as a crosscutting issue encompassing elements of both disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation.

Phase 2 of the GWP-UNICEF collaboration on WASH Climate Resilient Development focussed on the development of all the necessary technical guidance; how to complete implementation of the framework in regions and countries; and on the provision of support needed for skill development of WASH practitioners.

Sound implementation of the framework requires strong technical capacity of staff and a strategic approach to financing opportunities. Therefore, the new phase 3 of the collaboration builds on the work completed during the previous collaborations, and aims to build the staff capacity in GWP and UNICEF as well as key partners to implement WASH climate resilience programming and access climate financing. Over the past few years, climate financing has become key to the development sector, but the WASH sector, in particular UNICEF, has fallen behind in terms of accessing this funding.

At this point, GWP is looking to hire a Senior Advisor - Technical WASH Climate Expert consultant to provide the support needed for implementation of phase 3 of the GWP-UNICEF collaboration.

The three major pillars of the new collaboration are as follows:

1. Development of capacity building initiatives on WASH climate resilient development, building on the knowledge base developed during phases I and II of the GWP-UNICEF collaboration. The program is to be delivered by a recognized knowledge base entity in the fields of WASH and climate resilience, and sustainable water resources management.
2. Supporting countries with implementation of the strategic framework at all levels, including carrying out WASH climate risk assessments, appraising technology options and implementing programming at scale.
3. Collaborating with the UNICEF WASH Program Division and the Division of Research and Policy, which hosts UNICEF's Climate Unit. The aim is to provide support to countries to access climate funds through the development of fundable proposals.

3. Objective of the consultancy

The objective of the consultancy is to provide the necessary expert technical support in the area of WASH Climate Resilient Development within the context of the Project Preparation Partnership for Climate-resilient Water Projects for the GCF.

4. Scope of the consultancy

The consultancy comprises capacity building around the Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilient Development; support to its implementation; and support the development of GCF WASH climate proposals and Concept Notes to finance appropriate solutions for the WASH sector. All this will need to be completed taking into consideration the diverse needs of GWP and UNICEF country programs around the world.

5. Expected results

The expected results are as follows:

1. **Capacity building initiatives on WASH climate-resilient development successfully implemented**

Under this deliverable, there are two specific expected results:

- 1.1. Technical backstop to the main consultants that will deliver (in English) an **online course on the development of WASH climate resilience** for 80 GWP and UNICEF WASH staff and partners, including the following:
 - Technical supervision of course materials, including homework sheets, and provision of support to the finalization of presentations.
 - Providing technical support to marking homework assignments and follow-up with students for 6 weeks.
- 1.2. Lead the technical organization and facilitation of two face-to-face regional trainings for UNICEF staff in East Asia and Pacific (EAP), and West and Central African (WCAR) regions for the implementation of the Strategic Framework for WASH Climate-resilient Development.

2. **At least eight countries receive technical support for the implementation of the strategic framework at different levels.**

For this deliverable, there are two specific expected results:

- 2.1 Establish a **virtual helpdesk for WASH climate resilient development** for use by all UNICEF country offices (with a strong emphasis on WCAR and EAP regions), including the following:
 - Preparation of terms of references (ToRs) and other technical support material for UNICEF country offices is completed to facilitate the carrying out of the following:
 - Studies to assess the vulnerability of WASH services to the impacts of climate variability as well as long-term climate change; and
 - Training activities in the field of WASH climate resilient development.
 - Appraisal of appropriate technology options.
 - Any other technical support that is required to implement and scale-up WASH climate-resilience programming.
- 2.2 Two **country missions** have successfully completed activities to provide additional technical support to two UNICEF country offices as required.

3. **In collaboration with the UNICEF Division of Research and Policy, countries receive technical support to successfully apply for climate resilience funding from climate funding schemes, bilateral donors and foundations.**

For this deliverable, there are two specific expected results:

- 3.1 Key opportunities and research application process for bilateral and major foundation funding for WASH climate resilience at the country level are mapped out along with best practices.
- 3.2 Capacity of UNICEF WASH staff is successfully built allowing them to better access climate resilience funding opportunities:
 - A theory of change is developed along with concrete guidance (including “dos” and “don’ts”) for staff on how to develop country proposals.
 - Two global webinars are launched for all UNICEF WASH staff, which builds capacity and empowers them to apply for major WASH climate funding.

6. Deliverables and timeframe

The table below specifies the different expected deliverables, including estimated number of days for the consultant and the timeframe.

Deliverable	Estimated number of days
Technical support provided for the preparation and the delivery (in English) of an online course on WASH climate resilient development for 80 GWP and UNICEF WASH staff and partners	12
Technical leadership for the organization and facilitation of two face-to-face regional trainings for UNICEF Staff in East Asia and Pacific, and West and Central Africa regions for the implementation of the Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilience	7
Helpdesk facility support provided to at least eight UNICEF country offices	17
Two country missions to provide technical support	15
Mapping of major funding opportunities and best practices	3
Building capacity of UNICEF WASH staff to allow them to better access funds	8
Total...	62 days

7. Consultant profile

The consultant should have the following:

- Master's degree in water resources/environmental engineering or a field relevant to international WASH programming.
- Fifteen years of solid professional work experience with international organizations, the government or the private sector towards the integration of climate resilience into WASH programming, policy and management.
- Strong WASH background, with work at strategic, policy and implementation of programming levels. Field experience is required.
- Previous work experience with capacity building and implementation of the Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilient Development is desired.
- Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official United Nations language will be an asset.

8. Schedule

The contract is scheduled to start on January 14, 2019, for a duration of 8 months. The deliverables should be completed by September 15, 2019.

9. Terms and conditions

The contract will adhere to the standard terms and conditions of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), the GWP SA host institution.

10. Applications

Individual consultants who meet all the above requirements are invited to submit their curriculum vitae to the following address no later than January 25, 2018 (Friday):

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