
JOB TITLE:	Emergency nutrition surge consultant for rapid response team
TYPE OF CONTRACT:	Consultant
UNIT/DIVISION:	Nutrition in Emergency / Nutrition Division (OSN)
DUTY STATION (City, Country):	Home-based, when not deployed
DURATION:	11 months
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION	10 December, 2017

BACKGROUND:

The World Food program (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency implementing programs to fight hunger and is part of the global community working to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2, which includes ending malnutrition in all its forms by 2030. Emergency preparedness and response is a core component of WFP's work.

Hunger and malnutrition are widespread among crisis-affected populations, disproportionately impacting women and children. Forty-five percent of deaths in children under-five are associated with undernutrition, related to both acute and chronic undernutrition. Poor nutrition also has longer term consequences related to child growth and development – these latter consequences are largely irreversible. WFP's emergency nutrition programming is an integral part of any humanitarian crisis response and globally.

In particular, WFP facilitates access to appropriate nutritious foods for children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in order to prevent or treat malnutrition and thus makes a crucial contribution to saving lives and strengthening physical resilience to shocks in emergency-affected communities. Given the multiple causes of malnutrition, WFP also advocates for a comprehensive response to address the underlying and immediate causes of malnutrition to be achieved in partnership with other key sectors (i.e., optimal caring practices, good health services, proper hygiene and sanitation and household food security). WFP works with governments, UN partners (mostly UNICEF and UNHCR) and other international and national organizations to ensure a well-coordinated nutrition response.

PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

The Nutrition Division at WFP Headquarters is seeking two full-time consultants to establish a Rapid Response Team (RRT) in order to support timely, appropriate and well-coordinated nutrition responses in emergencies. Members of the RRT may be called to respond to sudden-onset or slow-onset crises, to support scale-up, scale-down, and/or quality improvements and coordination in existing emergency nutrition programs. The RRT role intends to fill *short-term* capacity gaps until medium- to long-term solutions are found by Country Office. Each assignment is not expected to exceed three months on average. RRT members will be deployable within 72 hours after VISA is obtained and will be on deployment an estimated 70-80% of their time. When not deployed, the RRT members will contribute to other workplan priorities of the Division's Emergency Nutrition team.

ACCOUNTABILITIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Following responsibilities are indicative and will be aligned with priorities determined by the concerned WFP country office and outlined in a specific TOR for each deployment. During country deployment the tasks will be carried out in close collaboration with the different functional teams of the country office (such as program,

supply chain, reporting , etc). During non deployment , tasks will be coordinated with members of the Emergency Nutrition team of WFP's Nutrition Division.

- 1) Provide immediate technical and programmatic support to WFP's nutrition response in emergencies in crisis affected countries. General responsibilities include:**
 - a. Coordinate with WFP country office, Regional Bureau (RB) and HQ to plan and support the start-up/scale-up of emergency nutrition responses
 - b. Provide support to strengthen the capacity of WFP staff and key partners involved in the nutrition response to ensure quality program implementation, including facilitating the development or adaptation of training and guidance materials as needed
 - c. Strategically engage with the country's Nutrition Cluster or equivalent coordination mechanism, working closely with government, UNICEF, UNHCR, NGOs and other partners to develop strategies and implement coordinated/multi-sectoral responses
 - d. Liaise with Food Security Cluster to ensure that assessments and nutrition and food security responses are aligned and well-coordinated and support collaboration with Health and WASH clusters
 - e. Support to and advocate for nutrition assessments in collaboration with government partners, UN agencies, NGOs and other nutrition actors and in coordination with WFP's Vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM) team. Identify joint assessment opportunities when applicable;
 - f. Provide inputs to funding proposals to support nutrition interventions (CERF, flash appeals, etc.)
 - g. Support nutrition program design, implementation and M&E (including operational planning, procurement of supplies , development of a communication strategy, etc.,)
 - h. In close collaboration with the reports officer , manage initial reporting on nutrition-related operations and programmatic developments both internally within WFP and externally with cooperating partners
 - i. Liaise with other functional areas within WFP (within program, with supply chain, finance/admin, logistics cluster etc.) to support a coordinated and timely response
 - j. Facilitate recruitment of additional nutrition surge capacity

- 2) Provide ongoing technical support to WFP's NIE team when not deployed**
 - a. Support the NIE team to monitor acute situations that may progress to emergency status
 - b. Document and analyze emergency responses, including lessons learned
 - c. Provide input to or develop relevant tools or guidance materials to support improved emergency nutrition program implementation which will feed into WFP's Nutrition Emergency Toolkit
 - d. Support relevant trainings on NIE
 - e. Perform any other duty in support of the NIE team as required

Deliverables

- The surge consultant will prepare a hand over/ end of mission report for the country office deployed to upon departure that outlines recommendations and follow up actions
- The consultant will summarize observations and learnings from his/her deployment that can be of interest both to the country office of deployment and to others in the organizations.
- The surge consultant will develop tools or short guidance that he / she identified as a gap during deployment

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- Education:** Masters in Nutrition Science, Public Health or related field
- Experience:**
- Minimum of 5-6 years of work experience in international nutrition with a minimum of 2-3 years work in humanitarian contexts.
 - Must have operational experience supporting/managing nutrition emergency responses in different contexts, including familiarity with IMAM/CMAM and prevention programming.
 - Work experience with the UN, preferably with WFP, highly desired; field experience with NGOs is an asset ;
 - Demonstrated ability to strategically engage with Government and partners to develop and implement multi-sectoral programmes.

Knowledge & Skills: Knowledge of global nutrition and global humanitarian architecture including the cluster approach and related roles and responsibilities for the nutrition sector.
Conceptual and operational knowledge of nutrition in emergencies.
Thorough understanding of WFP's mandate and roles.
Knowledge and experience with gender concepts.
Strong assessment and analytical skills.
Knowledge of humanitarian funding mechanisms (CERF, flash appeals, country-based pooled funds, etc).
Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work effectively in multicultural settings and teams.
Ability to perform duties under pressure with a minimum level of supervision and to cope with highly demanding living/working environment.
Excellent written and oral communication skills.

Languages: Fluency in English and French required.

The consultants are expected to attend security trainings required for hard ship duty stations. The consultants are required to deploy within 72 hours upon receipt of VISA. They will receive a thorough briefing before the first deployment.

APPLICATION:

Please email your resume and cover letter with subject line **"WFP Nutrition Rapid Response"** to:

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Deadline for application: **10 December, 2017.**