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| **Background** |
| The purpose of the Call for Expression of Interest is to identify eligible Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) for prospective partnership with UNICEF South Sudan. Eligible NGOs or Consortium of NGOs are invited to submit proposals for partnerships between UNICEF and qualified implementing partners (NGOs/Consortium of NGOs) to implement the PEHS (Provision Of Essential Health Services Project) across 10 geographically distinct lots in the former states known as Jonglei and Upper Nile. Detailed information on the PEHS, the package of health services to be provided and the geographical coverage and proposed lots can be found in Annexes.  Applications can be submitted as an individual entity, or in a consortium/partnership. Bids that are submitted by a consortium of organisations will need to clearly state the lead agency in the consortium as well as the names, roles/responsibilities and experience of each organisation within the consortium. The memorandum of understanding between the consortium members must be included as an annex to the technical bid.  There is no restriction on the number of lots for which bidders can bid. However, at selection stage, NGOs/consortium will not be awarded more than 2 Lots and will be required to demonstrate that the organisation or consortium has the required technical, financial and management capacity to implement more than a 1 Lot contract.  Organisations or Consortiums that wish to participate in this Call for Expression of Interest are requested to submit their application in English on the UN partners portal ([www.unpartnerportal.org](http://www.unpartnerportal.org)) by Sunday, 7 April 2019 (24:00 (GMT + 3 hours/Nairobi time). **Submission by paper or email or any other means than the UN Partners Portal will not be accepted.**  For the purposes of this call, a complete application consists of these two elements: (1) A completed UNPP profile, (2) An uploaded document containing your organization’s narrative proposal and budget proposal. *Note that UNICEF will only accept narrative and budget proposals submitted using the Call-specific template entitled “PEHS CONCEPT NOTE” attached below.*  To register on the portal and participate in this Call for Expression, follow the steps as outlined in the instruction documents and videos available at the following link: <https://unpartnerportalcso.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360003892733-UNPP-Quick-Guides-> Please use google chrome to access documents. Orientation sessions will also be organized at UNICEF office (Main Conference Room) on Thursday, 28 February from 9 to 12 am and from 2 to 5 pm.  Applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee to identify NGOs or consortium of NGOs that have the technical mandate, capacities and comparative advantage to support achievement of health results for women and children using criteria outlined in the UN partners portal. It should be noted however that participation to this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee the NGO or Consortium of NGOs will be ultimately selected for partnership with UNICEF.  Applicant NGOs will be informed of the outcome of their submissions online as described on the UN Partners Portal. The selected NGOs/consortium of NGOs will then be invited to develop partnership agreements ready for start-up implementation on May 1, 2019. |

## Call for Expression of Interest for The Provision of Essential Health Services Project (PHSP) – LOT 1

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| **Application requirements and timelines** | | |
| Indicative timelines | Call for Expression of Interest issue date | Wednesday 06 March 2019 |
| Registration on UN Partners Portal (www.unpartnerportal.org) | Any time before 7 April (midnight **GMT + 3 hours/Nairobi time**). Be aware that without registration on the UN Partners Portal, NGO will not be able to officially submit proposal. |
| Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications | Friday, 29 March 2019 (midnight **GMT + 3 hours/Nairobi time**) |
| Deadline for submissions of NGO proposals & registration on the UN portal | Sunday, 14 April 2019 (midnight **GMT + 3 hours/Nairobi time** EST) |
| Review of NGO submissions completed by | 22 April 2019 |
| Notification of results communicated to NGO | 30 April 2019 |

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| **Selection criteria** | | |
| Selection criteria | UNICEF office will review evidence provided by the NGO submission and assess applications for proposed Lot(s) based on the following | |
| Proposal relevance, quality and coherence (60%) | Includes review of the proposed programme concept note:   * Relevance of concept note to achieving expected results (8pt) * strategies to ensure equitable access to essential health services in the proposed lot(s) (8pt) * Strategies to ensure quality of services and capacity to deliver the PEHS package of health services (8pt) * Strategies for logistics and supply chain management for safe and adequate delivery of drugs and medical supplies to health facilities and end-point users (8pt) * Strategies for monitoring the delivery of quality health services (8pt) * Evident knowledge of and proposed engagement with the local health context and strategies to mitigate environmental and social risks (6pt) * Coordination and capacity-building approaches with County Health Departments and State Ministries of Health (6pt) * Collaboration with other partners and stakeholders in the health sector (3pt) * Adequacy and clarity of proposed financial proposal detailing the proposed overhead and management costs using the annexed budget template. (3pt) * IPs capacity to source for supplementary funding for complementary activities or to fill in the gaps (1pt) |
| Sustainability and Institutional capacity (30%) | Includes a review of the NGO:   * Past experience delivering essential health services at various levels of service delivery, including at the community level, in South Sudan. This may be achieved through the creation of consortia or partnerships with other NGOs. (6pt) * Proven capacity and technical expertise in delivering successful health programmes in a similar context (7pt) * Evident understanding of local context and conflict sensitivity risks which differ from County to County and within different groups and demonstrated ability to translate contextual understanding into effective interventions, including community engagement. (7pt) * Management capacity to deliver the project while guaranteeing Value for Money (9pt) * Experience working with UN agencies/UNICEF. (1pt) |
| Other [*as defined by Office*] (10%). | Includes a review of:   * Management of risks and due diligence (3pt) * Access, security and conflict sensitivity (3pt) * Gender and sustainability (2 pt) * Emergency preparedness and response (2pt) |

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| **Section 1. Concept note overview** | | | | | |
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| **Name of prospective partner** | *Bids that are submitted by a consortium of organisations will need to clearly state the lead agency in the consortium as well as the names, roles/responsibilities of each organisation within the consortium.*  ***The memorandum of understanding between the consortium members must be included as an annex to the technical bid.*** | | | | |
| **Type of concept note** | Response to UNICEF-issued CFEI |  | | Unsolicited concept note |  |
| CFEI ID |  | | CFEI ID | N/A |
| **Concept note title** | *Provision of Essential Health Services Project (PEHS) – LOT XX* | | | | |
| **Geographical coverage** | ***Specify the proposed lot(s) in the former states of Jonglei and Upper Nile*** *for which you are applying for.* | | | | |
| **Population focus** | Number and type(s) of direct beneficiaries | | Please draw from Annex 1 | | |
| **Programme duration  (in months)** | 1 May 2019 to January 2021 | | | | |
| **Programme budget (please indicate in USD currency)** | Contribution from prospective partner | | US$ | | |
| Contribution requested from UNICEF | | US$ | | |
| Total | | US$ | | |

**PEHS CONCEPT NOTE**

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| **Section 2. Local experience, presence and community relations** | |
| 2.1 Ongoing programmes in health sector | *Outline the organisation’s field of work and current/prior geographic coverage in South Sudan*  *Outline type / scope of ongoing health programmes and past experience in delivering health services in South Sudan, especially in former Jonglei and Upper Nile States (if any).*  *Outline key results achieved in the health sector in the past 5 years in South Sudan. Provide concrete examples of primary health care, local health system strengthening, community interventions.* |
| 2.2. IP experience in the specific lot | *Outline the experience of the lead organisation and/or other partners named in the proposal in the specific Lot that is being applied for.* |
| 2.3. IP management | *Successful management of project funding. Provide details of any previous donor funding. Provide a table outlining all other health-related funding over the past 5 years in South Sudan or similar fragile states and highlight any current or approved funding for health activities in the Lot area. Show how value for money has been achieved.* |
| 2.4. Knowledge of the local context | *Outline how you foster community relations and engage with communities and how you support social accountability in the proposed lot(s). Evidence of local sensitivities (e.g. conflict-sensitivity and gender-sensitivity) should be reflected.* |
| 2.5. Existing local/community networks | *Outline how you promote close collaboration with local institutions and local community leaders in the proposed lot(s).* |
| 2.6. Capacity-building approach | *Outline your coordination and capacity-building approach with CHDs and State Ministries of Health, including how you will build CHD/SMOH capacity in HMIS data management, monitoring and supervision capacity.* |
| 2.7. Local coordination mechanisms | *Outline how you will collaborate with other health partners and stakeholders in the proposed lot(s) and at national level to foster synergies and maximize results achieved by the PEHS.* |
| 2.8. Emergency Preparedness and Response | *Outline how you would promote emergency preparedness and response capacities at the health facility and community level.* |

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| **Section 3. Programme description** | |
| **3.1 Rationale/justification (400 words max)** | |
| *Outline the problem statement, the context and the rationale for the programme:*   * *Provide an overview of the existing problem, using disaggregated data from existing reports.* * *Describe who is affected and what the barriers/bottlenecks to outcomes for children are.* * *Describe how the problem is linked to national priorities and policies.* * *Describe the relevance of the programme in addressing problems identified.* | |
| **3.2. Expected results (300 words max)** | |
| *What” this programme will achieve (refer to annex 2 and 3)* | |
| **3.3. Target beneficiaries (250 words max)** | |
| *Describe the target groups and beneficiaries anticipated to be reached by the proposed programme (refer to annex 3).* | |
| **3.4. Proposed programme approach/methodology** | |
| *Describe how the programme will address the problem statement in Section 2.1. Explain how the proposed approach/methodology will lead to the anticipated change. Describe any innovative approaches (if applicable) that will be utilized in the implementation of the proposed programme. Please note that specific activities and results are to be detailed in Section 3.*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 3.4.1 Strategies for equitable access to health services (400 words) | *In the proposed Lot(s), describe strategies and approaches that will be used to equitably deliver the PEHS (see annex), including by hard to reach and underserved populations. Describe how you will ensure facilities remain accessible (staff, timings, etc).* | | 3.4.2 Strategies to ensure quality of health services (300 words) | *Describe strategies and approaches that will be used to assure quality of services provided. Demonstrate your capacity.* | | 3.4.3 Supply chain management (300 words) | *Describe strategies for supply and logistics management that will ensure essential drugs and medical supplies will be safely and adequately distributed, stored and delivered at health facility level. Describe how you will ensure last mile delivery (to the targeted health facilities and communities). Describe how you will manage stock/consumption data.* | | 3.4.4 Environmental and social risks mitigation measures (400 words) | *Describe environmental and social risks that the project may pose to communities in the Lot(s) of interest and the mitigation measures you will put in place for each. This should include medical waste management and other social/environmental mitigation measures.* | | 3.4.5 Monitoring plan and strategy (300 words) | *Describe how will you measure your performance targets, your monitoring plan and engagement/capacity development approaches with the CHD to ensure data is captured adequately at health facility level and flow to CHD/state level (so that data is captured in the HMIIS/DHIS)* | | |
| **3.5. Gender, equity, and sustainability (250 words max)** | |
| *Describe the practical measures taken in the programme to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations.* | |
| **3.6. Prospective partner’s contribution and comparative advantage (250 words max)** | |
| *Briefly outline the partner-specific contributions to the programme. Mention both financial and non-financial contributions. Describe any specific advantages and experiences that are unique to the organization that will enhance the quality implementation of the proposed programme.* | |
| **3.7. Risk management (250 words max)** | |
| *Describe potential areas of risk that may negatively impact the organization’s capacity to fully implement the proposed programme. Describe any mitigating actions that will be incorporated into the programme to manage the identified risks.* | |
| **3.8 Key personnel** | |
| *Provide a list of key personnel who will be critical in the management as well as the operational and financial oversight as well as in the monitoring of the proposed programme.* **Attach the organization organigram in South Sudan (at national and sub-national levels)** and briefly outline number and key functions of core organisation staff. **Attach CV for key staff who will be involved in the operational and financial implementation as well as in the monitoring of the ESHP including at the lot level**. Highlight available expertise and specialists. Please also outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organisation in delivery health services in South Sudan. **Attach CVs for key technical staff who will be in country (including at lot level) and involved in the implementation of the PEHS.**  If you are an NGO consortium, outline the roles and responsibilities of each NGO and strengths/added value of each NGO. **Attach CVs for key technical staff of each NGO member of the consortium, including at lot level.** | |
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| **3.9. Other partners involved (100 words max)** | |
| *Describe other partners who will have a role in programme implementation, including other organizations providing technical and financial support for the programme.* | |
| **3.10. Other (250 words max)** | |
| *Describe any other relevant information that is applicable to the proposed programme.* | |
| **3.11. Access, security and conflict sensitivity (300 words)** | |
| *Outline access constraints and security considerations and how you will manage these, whilst integrating conflict sensitivity in your proposed intervention.* | |

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| **Section 4. Budget** | |
| 4.1. Budget summary | *Provide a budget for* ***the technical & programme management costs*** *associated with delivering the PEHS in the proposed lot(s), highlighting NGO/consortium contribution.* ***These should all be in-country and should distinguish whether they are at the national (Juba) level or at sub-national level.*** *These should also be pro-rated to their contribution to the programme. Note: Pending NGO selection, programme costs will be developed later in close consultation with UNICEF at the local level and pending the final list of health facilities and Bomas to be supported.*  *Use budget template attached.* ***When completing the budget template, kindly note that health and medicine supplies and equipment (e.g. midwifery equipment) will be procured and distributed to local/county level (e.g. airstrip) by UNICEF (see Annex 1 for more information on provisions by UNICEF).*** |