

## UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

**Subject: EVALUATION OF THE UNICEF CHILD SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN DJIBOUTI (2008-2010)**

**Closing Date: 6 May 2010**

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As a part of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2008-2012, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has developed a five year Child Survival and Development Programme to assist the Government of Djibouti in reducing maternal and child mortalities through (1) supporting national capacity to achieve MDG 1 by improving child nutrition through improved practices and enhanced access to commodities and service; (2) Support national capacity to achieve MDG 4 (reducing by two-thirds the child mortality rate) and MDG 5 (reducing by three-quarters the maternal mortality ratio) through increased coverage of integrated packages of services, improved practices and an enhanced policy environment, and; (3) Support national capacity to achieve MDG 7 (reducing by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation) by increasing access to and sustainable use of improved water sources and sanitation facilities.

As a contribution to the Mid-Term Review of Djibouti's Programme of Cooperation in 2010, UNICEF's office in Djibouti plans to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Child Survival and Development Programme to complement other focus evaluations and studies undertaken over the past two years. The purpose of the evaluation is to strengthen child survival and development in Djibouti by systematically generating evidence on the Child Survival and Development Programme's performance and drawing key recommendations and lessons to feed into further improvement of the Programme for the next 2 years to help realise the MDGs and advance child rights.

More specifically, the evaluation will seek to:

1. Measure the extent of results achieved during the implementation and their impact;
2. Identify major constraints for the achievement of the results;
3. Formulate actions that increase accessibility to Child Survival services; and
4. Identify new opportunities for partnerships and leverage resources for children and women.

The evaluation will be conducted by engaging a consultant(s), and the evaluation methodology will be developed by the consultant(s) and will include a comprehensive desk review of primary data, participatory evaluation methodologies with key stakeholders and beneficiary and non-beneficiary populations, as well as site visit observations and other qualitative approaches. The Programme will be assessed against the OECD/DAC criteria (relevance, impact, sustainability, effectiveness and efficiency).

The consultant should have:

- At least a master's degree in the social sciences;
- Experience in evaluation methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, and some experience in programme management and evaluation;
- Knowledge and experience around the thematic area of child survival and development;
- Demonstrated ability to produce high quality evaluation reports, including recommendations for future work;
- Exceptional report writing skills that emphasize objective analyses;
- Fluency in French & English; and
- Experience and understanding of the context in high child mortality contexts would be an asset.

The level of consultancy is established at the P-4 level. The estimated duration is four months from the evaluation's start date and including the desk review, development of tools, field work, analysis and report writing.

Candidates should apply by sending a one page cover letter that provides background in conducting similar evaluations and indicates a statement of interest. The cover letter should be accompanied by the Curriculum Vitae.

Submissions should be submitted via email to: [csdevaluation@unicef.org](mailto:csdevaluation@unicef.org) by 6 May 2010.