

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Independent Final Evaluation of ACF's Project

'Humanitarian Support to Vulnerable Populations in Pakistan'

1 Project background

ACF's project 'Humanitarian Support to Vulnerable Populations in Pakistan' targets the underlying causes of undernutrition and maximizes the support to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (KPK). It also focuses on malnourished children, Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) and their families in the Sindh province, by adopting a comprehensive integrated programming which focuses on Nutrition, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) interventions. The project is funded by ECHO and started on 01. August 2014 and runs until 31. July 2015.

1.1. Project Objectives

The project's **principal objective** is:

- To reduce morbidity and mortality through sustainable, nutrition sensitive support to vulnerable populations affected by crises in Pakistan

The **specific objective** is:

- To enhance the nutritional status of the vulnerable population by supporting treatment programs, nutritious food intake, water access and disease prevention through integrated nutrition sensitive approaches, with sustainable capacity building and advocacy

2 Scope of the evaluation

The general objective of the evaluation is to review the project against its original objectives and to **investigate the effect** of the integrated nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive approach, as well as to analyse **the humanitarian support to IDPs** and **efficiency of the integration** across the various sectors. The evaluation covers the following three districts: Bannu (KPK), Kohat (KPK), and Tando Muhammad Khan (Sindh Province). In addition, the evaluation will also consider a smaller WASH project funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation (SIDA) II in KPK, and co-financed by this KP V project.

The **specific objectives** of the evaluation are:

- a. Establish the **relevance of the project design** and the **effect of the integrated nutrition sensitive approach**
- b. Determine the implementation **efficiency of the project**, identify areas of success and room for improvement; highlight the main challenges;
- c. Assess the extent to which the project has **effectively achieved its stated objectives** and to identify the supporting factors and constraints that have led to this achievement or lack of achievement;
- d. Identify **unintended changes**, both positive and negative, in addition to the expected results;
- e. Assess the relevance of the **sustainability strategy and likelihood of impact**, its progress and its potential for achievement, identifying the processes that are to be continued by stakeholders;
- f. Identify **lessons learnt and potential good practice**;
- g. **Provide recommendations** to project stakeholders to promote sustainability and support the completion, expansion or further development of initiatives that were supported by the

project and; inform the design of future stages of ACF.

It will require the following deliverables:

1. **Inception Report** outlining the evaluation methodology to be used by the evaluator and a final work plan;
2. **Stakeholder workshop**: The evaluator shall facilitate a learning workshop in country to present the draft report and the findings of the evaluation to the project and key stakeholders; to gather feedback on the findings and build consensus on recommendations
3. **Draft evaluation report** with specific recommendations; lessons learnt and good practices.
4. **Final evaluation report** (max. 30 pages) incl. executive summary

Gender equality issues shall be explicitly addressed throughout the evaluation activities of the consultant and all outputs including final reports or events need to be gender mainstreamed.

3 Evaluation arrangements and professional requirements

An Independent Evaluator will conduct a final independent evaluation **between 21. July and 28. August 2015**.¹ The assignment is for approximately **25-30 work-days** during that period. The assignment will require travel to **Pakistan**. The field office in the country to be visited and ACF project staff will help in organizing accommodation, arranging meetings and transportation.

Selection of the Independent Evaluator will be done by the Evaluation Learning and Accountability Unit and will be based on the strength of the qualifications provided by potential candidates through their expressions of interest for the assignment.

Interested candidates should include in the expression of interest:

- CV and details of their background and experience in the implementation of Nutrition, WaSH and FSL projects; and integrated approaches
- Significant field experience in the evaluation of humanitarian / development projects relevant to this assignment;
- a statement of availability for the assignment;
- Daily consulting fee in EUR

Applicants should have a

- Relevant degree / equivalent experience related to the evaluation to be undertaken;
- Significant experience in coordination, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects;
- Good knowledge of Pakistan context and understanding of donor requirements (ECHO);
- Ability to manage the available time and resources and to work to tight deadlines;
- Independence from the parties involved.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English. Local languages an advantage.

The deadline to submit expressions of interest for the evaluation is by close of business on 15. June 2015. Applicants should submit their EoIs via e-mail to ela@actionagainsthunger.org.uk and indicate: 'Pakistan - KP V' in the e-mail's subject line.

¹ Please note: an initial interview with the WASH Coordinator needs to be conducted before 14. July 2015.