

## Request for expressions of interest for technical support to the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS)

WHO is seeking expressions of interest from institutions, companies or individual consultants for technical support to the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS). The selected institutions and/or consultants will work under the supervision of the focal point for GLAAS in the WHO Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health (WSH) unit.

WHO welcomes expressions of interest for any of the nine technical roles as outlined in the nine different terms of reference (ToRs). Applicants should submit a separate cover letter and CV for each role/TOR of interest. **Deadline for applications: 10 November 2023** (*application details in section III*)

### I. Background on GLAAS

The vision of GLAAS is to accelerate progress towards universal, sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) by 2030 as part of the SDGs.

GLAAS aims to strengthen national monitoring systems for WASH and to provide easily accessible, comparable data on WASH systems to inform decisions by governments and development partners on WASH policies, programmes and budget allocations.

The guiding principles of GLAAS are to:

- Strengthen, complement and work within national processes and systems;
- Be inclusive of information from a range of perspectives;
- Align with and build on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the SDG principles of universality and equity;
- Focus on areas where GLAAS is well-positioned for impact to uniquely complement – and not duplicate – the roles of other WASH sector actors;
- Promote the use of data collected through GLAAS and WASH accounts with a focus on using the GLAAS data portal; and
- Be a resource for all stakeholders to strengthen WASH systems and improve access to WASH.

WHO, through GLAAS, undertakes WASH systems strengthening and monitoring work through GLAAS monitoring cycles and the development of national WASH accounts that track WASH financial flows. Both the GLAAS and WASH accounts processes include training and guidance to build country capacity to collect, analyse and use data. Collaboration with key sector partners, governments and the three levels of WHO is central to the work of GLAAS.

The main areas of work in the GLAAS 2024-2026 programme are:

- GLAAS 2024/2025 data collection cycle: Prepare multilingual surveys and guidance materials, provide training/technical inputs to support completion of surveys by governments and development partners, undertake quality assurance processes, publish results and analyses in GLAAS reports and on the GLAAS data portal and promote the use of GLAAS data.
- WASH accounts: Prepare or update multilingual guidance and training materials, training at national and global levels to augment capacity for governments to develop WASH accounts; provide direct technical support to the development of WASH accounts and use of WASH accounts data and results.
- Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) monitoring: As a co-custodian, monitor SDG 6 means of implementation targets: 6a on international cooperation and capacity-building support and 6b on participation of local communities.
- Strengthen monitoring and national WASH systems: Provide guidance and technical support for countries to use GLAAS data and results to develop plans for strengthening WASH monitoring systems and processes including on WASH expenditures.

- Identify core WASH systems indicators: Lead a collaborative effort with WASH sector partners to identify core indicators to streamline and strengthen national WASH monitoring.

WHO has continued to expand activities in response to increasing demand from countries and global partners. There are currently over 20 countries developing WASH accounts, over 120 countries are expected to participate in the GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle, and the GLAAS data portal provides public access to interactively explore and download regularly updated datasets by topic area and visualize key indicators.

## II. Terms of reference (ToRs)

The following nine ToRs are included in the request for expressions of interest:

1. Technical inputs to WASH accounts materials, trainings and country support, to the GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle and to SDG 6 monitoring
2. Technical inputs to WASH accounts trainings and country support and to the GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle (English and Spanish)
3. Expert technical inputs for data preparation, synthesis, analysis, visualization and reporting and for development of the GLAAS data portal
4. Technical inputs to GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle and GLAAS strategic processes, communications and advocacy
5. Technical inputs to multilingual WASH accounts materials, trainings and country support and to planning, monitoring and reporting
6. Expert technical and strategic inputs to improving WASH data in selected countries and to development of WASH accounts (English and French)
7. Technical inputs to the development of country WASH accounts (French)
8. Strategic and technical inputs to GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle, core indicators and WASH accounts
9. Technical inputs to GLAAS country survey reviews and analysis for the GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle

Details for each ToR including the main outputs, activities and specific qualifications and experience requirements are included in each individual ToR.

## III. Application details

Applications should be submitted by midnight GMT on 10 November 2023 to [glaas@who.int](mailto:glaas@who.int) and [tiffayk@who.int](mailto:tiffayk@who.int) and include:

- Up-to-date curriculum vitae or company description
- Brief cover letter outlining:
  - the skills, experience and contributions that you bring to the specific ToR, and
  - expected availability during 2024 and relevant daily or hourly rates.

Application review criteria includes:

- 1) The required qualifications, experience, technical skills and knowledge and language skills as outlined in the specific ToR;
- 2) Availability for specific tasks in consideration of needs during 2024; and
- 3) Cost effectiveness.

***Successful applicants will be contacted by email by 15 November 2023 to take part in virtual interviews on 20, 21, 22 or 23 November 2023.***

***Please inform in your cover letter of any limitations to your availability on these dates.***