Technical inputs to WASH accounts materials, trainings and country support, to the GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle and to SDG 6 monitoring

Area of expertise: WASH accounts materials and tools, trainings and country support; GLAAS 2024/2025 survey, country implementation, data and reporting; SDG 6 data and reporting

Purpose of the TORs: To provide technical inputs to development of WASH accounts materials and the WASH accounts production tool, WASH accounts trainings, WASH accounts country support in English, the update of the GLAAS country survey and eGLAAS and related documents and trainings, country implementation of the GLAAS cycle, GLAAS cycle data and reporting and SDG reporting

Background

The WASH sector has two main tools for monitoring WASH investments and WASH systems hosted by the WHO Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health (WSH) unit:

- The Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS), which provides policy- and decision-makers with a comprehensive global analysis of investments and the enabling environment for WASH; and

- The development of WASH accounts to track financing to WASH at the national and subnational levels based on the TrackFin methodology.

WHO has continued to expand activities related to GLAAS and WASH accounts in response to increasing demand from countries and global partners.

In the last GLAAS cycle 124 countries participated and more are expected for the next GLAAS cycle to be launched in April 2024. This requires intensive technical inputs for an updated GLAAS survey including eGLAAS and related materials, country trainings/orientations, country implementation and quality reviews and data analysis and reporting.

There are currently over 20 countries developing WASH accounts, with more countries requesting support to launch WASH accounts or to implement new cycles of WASH accounts. WHO (GLAAS) also needs technical inputs to developing new WASH accounts materials, updating existing materials, and ongoing development and improvements to the WASH accounts production tool (WAPT). In addition, countries need expert technical inputs to support their development of WASH accounts including training and capacity building.

Deliverables

Deliverable 1. WASH accounts training materials, up-to-date WASH accounts community of practice (CoP), WASH accounts document management

Tasks:

1.1: Develop WASH accounts materials including technical notes in English

1.2: Update WASH accounts materials as requested, including the WASH accounts implementation guide

1.3: Manage and update graphics, contribute to WASH accounts document management

1.4: Monitor and manage the Community of Practice (CoP) for WASH accounts

Deliverable 2: Technical inputs for updated/improved WAPT

2.1: Participate in regular meetings with developers and develop information, mock-ups and technical details for updated features and functionalities for the WAPT

2.2: Test new versions of the WAPT to validate; undertake testing to verify bugs and issues

2.3: Respond to user issues and coordinate links with developers to resolve issues

2.4: Update the WAPT user guide

Deliverable 3: Technical inputs for WASH accounts national and global consultant trainings and stakeholder/partner meetings

3.1: Contribute to preparation, materials, presentations and agendas for national consultant trainings (cohort trainings), and global consultant capacity building and trainings

3.2: Contribute to preparation, materials, presentations and agenda for WASH accounts stakeholder and partner meetings.

Deliverable 4: Technical inputs for country monitoring, training and coordination to support development of WASH accounts
4.1: Prepare and implement training sessions and training workshops for assigned countries
4.2: Undertake technical reviews 1,2 and 3 and documentation feedback for all assigned countries
4.3: Monitor country progress for assigned countries, liaising with Focal points and WASH accounts team, and ensuring delivery of WASH accounts ptstudies, WASH accounts highlights and other final products

Deliverable 5. Updated GLAAS country survey, eGLAAS and training materials for GLAAS 2024/2025 cycle
5.1: Provide technical inputs to the finalization of the GLAAS country survey (by 31 March 2024)
5.2: Develop and finalize an eGLAAS version of the 2024 survey
5.3: Participate in meetings on technical aspects of eGLAAS, coordinate testing/validation of eGLAAS
5.4: Update and finalize training materials for the eGLAAS platform for 2024 and provide inputs to the updated GLAAS country survey guidance document

Deliverable 6. Country training, technical inputs for the 2024/2025 GLAAS cycle, and data analysis and content for the GLAAS report
6.1: Facilitate GLAAS trainings for the 2024/2025 cycle across WHO regions in English
6.2: Undertake quality assurance reviews of completed GLAAS country surveys and data, and coordinate review of the GLAAS country highlight, from up to 30 countries, in English
6.3: Undertake quality assurance review of eGLAAS for assigned regions/countries
6.4: Undertake data analysis in requested areas to identify key messages and conclusions for the GLAAS report
6.5: Develop content as requested for the GLAAS report
6.6: Review and provide feedback on requested content of the GLAAS report

Deliverable 7. Technical contributions to documents, reporting and analysis including for SDG 6.b
7.1: Contribute to data and storyline for UNSD and other products as assigned
7.2: Draft requested analyses and content for SDG 6 synthesis report
7.3: Provide technical and strategic inputs to documents and reports as requested

Qualifications, experience, skills and languages
Educational Qualifications:
Band level B:
  Essential: Minimum first university degree in public policy, public health or related field
  Desirable: Advanced university degree in public policy, public health or related field
Band level C:
  Essential: Advanced university degree in public policy, public health or related field

Experience:
Band level B:
  Essential: Five to ten years of relevant experience, including in-country experience in Asia and/or Africa
Band level C:
  Essential: Over ten years of relevant experience, including in-country experience in Asia and/or Africa
Band levels B and C:
Essential:
- Experience with monitoring and reporting on WASH systems
- Experience with developing training materials and leading or facilitating training workshops including on virtual platforms.
Desirable:
- Experience with the GLAAS country survey and GLAAS reporting

- Experience with country development of WASH accounts, WASH accounts training and WASH accounts technical reviews

Skills/Knowledge:

Essential:

- Knowledge of the global monitoring landscape including national, regional and global WASH monitoring mechanisms and instruments
- Knowledge of WASH governance and policies, WASH financing and SDG6 monitoring
- Knowledge and experience with country-level research/data collection, survey design and results analysis
- Knowledge of WASH accounts and the TrackFin methodology
- Technical expertise, knowledge and experience with applications (such as the WASH accounts production tool)
- Excellent writing and reporting skills
- Knowledge of and experience with different actors and WASH partners (governments, NGOs, donors, intergovernmental organizations) at global, regional and country levels.
- Established relationships with key sector partners at international, regional and/or country levels
- Experience working across the three levels of WHO.
- Excellent organizational, team and interpersonal skills.

Desirable:

- Knowledge of GLAAS data and indicators
- Knowledge of REDCap (platform for eGLAAS)
- Knowledge of the WASH accounts production tool

Languages and level required (Basic/Intermediate/Expert):

Essential: Expert knowledge of English

Location

Off site: Home-based

Travel

The consultant is expected to travel to selected WASH meetings and trainings

Remuneration and level of effort

Remuneration: *Payband level B* (USD 350-499 per day) or *Payband level C* (USD 500-625 per day)

Expected level of effort: 180-220 days per contract year (contract year for consultants is 11 months)