**Request for expressions of interest for technical support to WHO’s work on water, sanitation, hygiene and waste in health care facilities**

**WHO is seeking expressions of interest from institutions, companies or individual consultants for technical support to WHO’s work on water, sanitation, hygiene and waste in health care facilities.** The selected institutions and/or consultants will work under the supervision of the focal point for water, sanitation, hygiene and waste in the WHO Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health (WSH) unit.

WHO welcomes expressions of interest for any of the three technical roles as outlined in the four different terms of reference (ToRs). Applicants should submit a separate cover letter and CV for each role/TOR of interest. **Deadline for applications: 7 December 2023** *(application details in section III)*

**I. Background on efforts on WASH and waste in health care facilities**

In 2018 the UN Secretary General issued a Global Call to Action on Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Waste (WASH) in health care facilities, noting the huge gaps in WASH services and urgent need to improve the situation. This was followed by a World Health Assembly resolution (WHA72.7) in 2019, which articulated clear actions for governments, including implementing the eight practical steps. In addition, at the Regional Level, the European Protocol on Water and Health has helped advance work on conducting situational analyses, setting and meeting national targets, and increasing leadership and investments on WASH in health care facilities.

In response, WHO and UNICEF established global monitoring and reporting through the Joint Monitoring Programme[[1]](#footnote-1), developed guidance and implementation tools[[2]](#footnote-2), established a strategic taskforce and created a platform for tracking country progress, sharing resources and promoting knowledge exchange[[3]](#footnote-3). Global progress reports have been published in 2019, 2020 and 2023. A draft UN General Assembly Resolution on this topic (under consultation with planned adoption in late November 2023) and a draft Global Framework for Action (2024-2030) provide a clear structure for future efforts.

Looking ahead, WHO will continue to provide global leadership and offer technical support to reigons and countries in implementing key national actions (practical steps), the WASH FIT tool, and working to integrate efforts with key health programmes. In addition, at the global level WHO will offer secretarial support, coordination and leadership through the expanded and focused communities of practice ([www.washinhcf.org](http://www.washinhcf.org)) and a new, strategic leadership group.

**II. Terms of reference (ToRs)**

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

1. Expert technical inputs and support to regional and country efforts to implement the practical steps (e.g. develop costed national roadmaps, update standards) and in implementing, scaling-up and evaluating the WASH FIT tool.
2. Expert technical inputs on the safe and sustainable management of health care waste.
3. Technical inputs and secretarial and coordination support to a global strategic group composed of WASH, health, and financing actors.

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 7 December 2023 to gebregziabherr@who.int and montgomerym@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 12 December 2023 to take part in virtual interviews on 14 and 15 December 2023.***

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

1. WHO/UNICEF JMP provides official data and reporting to track progress on SDG 6 (safe water and sanitation) in households, schools and health care facilities. All data and reports can be found here: <https://washdata.org/data/healthcare#!/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT), which focuses on WASH but also includes elements of electricity and climate resilience has been used in over 70 countries to help plan, cost and implement better WASH services. The latest WASH FIT V 2.0 was published in 2022 <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240043237>. In addition, the WHO/UNICEF WASH FIT portal includes training slides, fact sheets, training manual, etc: https://www.washinhcf.org/wash-fit/ [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The WHO/UNICEF knowledge platform is available to all interested stakeholders and includes information on country progress (country tracker), the WASH FIT training package and implementation tools and over 500 regional and country resources (e.g. standards, training reports, roadmaps, etc). [www.washinhcf.org](http://www.washinhcf.org) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)