

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

UNICEF in Serbia is seeking a qualified **Nutrition in Emergency Consultant** Ref. Number: VN 44a – 514671

The purpose of this Consultancy is to ensure a quality and smooth transition of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Programme in the Transit-Reception Migrant Centers or Asylum Centres to the Government.

The duration of the assignment is from 1st September 2018 to 31st December 2018, up to 82 working days over the 4 month period.

The closing date for applications is **16th August 2018**.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be found on:

<https://www.unicef.org/serbia/oglas-za-posao>.

Qualified candidates are requested to submit their application through:

<https://www.unicef.org/about/employ/?job=514671>.

The application must include a financial proposal containing the following information:

- **Daily rate** in RSD (all costs to be included e.g. health insurance, pension, usage of mobile phone),
- **Daily allowance** cost for travel within Serbia in RSD (for overnight),
- **Transportation costs** in RSD per km for transport to Krnjaca, Sjenica, Vranje, Bujanovac, Presevo, Adasevci, Divljane, Principovac, Kikinda and to potential other new locations of Asylum/Reception Centres.

Important note: Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. UNICEF is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified female and male candidates from all national, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply.

Title of consultancy

Nutrition in Emergency Consultant

Purpose of Activity/Assignment:

UNICEF has supported Government of Serbia throughout refugees and migrant crises. One of the programmes of support was ensuring quality Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Programme through establishment of Mother and Baby Corners (MBCs) in the Transit-Reception Migrant Centers or Asylum Centres and provision of adequate IYCF counselling, age-appropriate food, preventive health care and safe and supportive environment for breastfeeding and child development. Due to the reducing number of refugees and migrants that are staying or passing through Serbia, and increased Governmental capacities to take over and finance all services for migrants and refugees, UNICEF has engaged in defining modalities that could ensure sustainability of these services under Governmental jurisdiction. As the first step, all food supplies have been transferred to Food Consortium. In addition, operational costs of the MBCs have been reduced to respond to the decreased number of young refugee children accommodated in the centres and their needs.

There are currently 9 operational MBCs supported by UNICEF and partner NGOs, 1 MBC that closed in June 2018 and is under the process of being reopened and additional 7 refugee and migrant centres where young children and their mothers are staying. Modalities for operationalisation of MBCs in order to ensure their full sustainability under Government jurisdiction have been defined and discussed with partners. However, the original deadline for the transfer of all duties to the Government authorities (by June 2018) has been extended to 30th September 2019, with the support from the EU. UNICEF has been technically supporting partners to ensure children needs are prioritised throughout that period. As such, funding for a transition period was secured for child-friendly spaces and mother-and-baby spaces. It was agreed that UNICEF would continuously technically support this process.

To ensure a quality and smooth transition, UNICEF needs to secure provide:

- technical support to the Food Consortium to ensuring full operationalisation of procedures,
- capacity building for both Serbian Commissariat for Refugee and Migration SCRM and Primary Health Centre PHC staff to ensure relevant procedures are set and functioning and that MBCs are sustainably functioning.

Coordination between partners and monitoring of the transition will be essential throughout the consultancy.

Additionally, although the first draft of the IYCF Contingency procedure has been prepared, it still needs to be revised and finalised as integral part of the National health emergency plan.

UNICEF is therefore seeking a consultant to support partners to ensure a quality and smooth transition of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Programme in the Transit-Reception Migrant Centers or Asylum Centres to the Government.

Start Date:

1 September 2018

End Date:

31 December 2018

Number of working days/months

up to 82 days

Work Assignment Overview

The work will be delivered in accordance with more detailed monthly work plans agreed between the Individual Consultant and Supervisor at the beginning of every month.

Monthly Reports will be submitted at the end of each month. Each monthly report will include an overview of realized activities/progress.

Task 1: In collaboration with UNICEF partner organizations, Ministry of Health MoH and SCRM, and other relevant national and local partners, the consultant will support and facilitate the exit strategy for UNICEF to hand-over the mother-and-baby corners to local authorities or sub-contractors appointed by them. The targeted locations include: Sjenica, Bujanovac, Presevo, Vranje, Kikinda, Principovac, Adasevci, Divljane and Krnjaca. The task should include negotiation with relevant partners to take-over the MBC services (based on the best and most feasible modality), capacity building of new front-line workers (SCRM and PHC) and supervision support in the first weeks upon the take-over.

Deliverables: Detailed modalities for sustaining MBC services in Sjenica, Bujanovac, Presevo, Vranje, Kikinda, Principovac, Adasevci, Divljane and Krnjaca.

Capacity building curriculums for SCRM and PHC staff – September 2018

Reports from capacity building sessions – September – November 2018

Timeframe: September to December 2018

Task 2: Provide technical assistance to the Food Consortium, and oversee the implementation of IYCF by the Food Consortium, ensuring compliance with national recommendations in all 17 centres where mothers with young children are settled.

Deliverables: Monthly monitoring reports on the sustainable IYCF standard operating procedures SOPs implementation by the Food Consortium and relevant local authorities.

Timeframe: September to December 2018

Task 3: Support MoH and Institute of Public Health (IPH) to develop contingency procedure for IYCF, etc. Complement the contingency procedure with a compiled package of materials and procedures developed for responding to the migrant crisis.

Deliverables: Draft a contingency procedure for infant and young child feeding in emergency (IYCF-E) with IYCF package from the available materials.

Timeframe: Draft that has been prepared by June 2018 to be finalised in consultation with MoH by December 2018

Minimum qualifications required:

Advanced university degree in Public Health, Nutrition or a related technical field

Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:

- At least 5 years of experience in social development planning and management in nutrition and/or other related areas (maternal and child health) is required, at least two of which are field based and related to dealing with emergencies or displaced/refugee situations
- Excellent knowledge of the context of the migrant crisis in Serbia, in particular of nutrition and health programming
- Strong communication skills (written and spoken)
- Fluency in English and Serbian (knowledge of Arabic and/or Farsi is an asset)
- Sound judgement in follow-up on requests
- High degree of accuracy
- Ability to meet tight deadlines through excellent time management, organization and multi-tasking skills
- Driving license
- Work experience with UN and/or other international organizations would be considered as an advantage