

Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE REALIZATION OF 2012-2017 NATIONAL NUTRITION ACTION PLAN (NNAP) OBJECTIVES AFTER 4 YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Terms of Reference (ToRs)

Background

Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN) is a project led and funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) which seeks to improve the capacity of Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) countries to design, deliver, and track the progress of nutrition programs and to generate, learn from and adopt knowledge of what works. The Micronutrient Initiative (MI) is contributing to TAN by coordinating the provision of technical assistance (TA) to help national SUN focal points in select countries to overcome gaps in capacity for the design and delivery of multi-sectoral national nutrition plans, tapping into its global hub to source and deploy the expertise needed. Kenya is one of MI-TAN project priority countries. The SUN Focal Point and nutrition sector partners have been engaged in various discussions to identify and refine TA needs.

In spite of Kenya's economic and social strength in the region, malnutrition is hindering its full potential. The Kenya Demographic Health Survey (KDHS) conducted in 2014 established that 26% and 4% of children under the age of 5 years are stunted and wasted respectively. The Government of Kenya has demonstrated commitment to address the nutrition situation by putting in place policies, strategies and legislation aimed at reducing malnutrition. These include the National Nutrition Action Plan (NNAP), the Kenya National Food and Nutrition Security Policy (FNSP) of 2012, East Africa Fortification Standards, the Breastmilk Substitute Act of 2012, among others.

Kenya joined the SUN Movement in 2012, signalling its commitment to undertaking coordinated actions to improve nutrition status in the country. Key achievements since the launch of SUN in Kenya include the adoption of the 2012-2017 NNAP and enhanced government leadership of the nutrition sector, which has resulted in improved coordination of actors and a more harmonized approach to implementation and monitoring of nutrition programmes. This is evidenced by the inclusion of the nutrition indicators in the County Health Information System (CHIS), Annual Operational Plans (AOPs), and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF). The existence of coordination mechanisms under the leadership from the Nutrition Interagency Coordination Committee (NICC) have enhanced a sector-wide approach which has been instrumental in overseeing and guiding the implementation of the NNAP since 2012.

The NNAP 2012-2017 is the nutrition sector framework/road map upon which interventions, partnerships and resources are mobilized for nutrition service delivery in the country. The road map has been instrumental in guiding processes and strategies that culminate in the costed

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scale up of interventions at both national and county level which contribute significantly to realization of the human development as espoused in the Kenya blue print for development, the Vision 2030. In realization of global, regional and national health dynamics, the plan further took into consideration the epidemiological transition that was being experienced in the country as relates to double burden of malnutrition where both forms of malnutrition (under and over nutrition) as well as diet related non communicable diseases remained prevalent, and in some regions, characterized as endemic.

The NNAP is aligned to the Government Medium Term Planning (MTP) process and has been implemented as a multi-year plan with annual work plans being generated to link to the government budgetary cycle. As the plan come to a conclusion in 2017, the nutrition sector is required to undertake a strategic in-depth review to inform the next (2018-2022) MTP cycle.

In line with this the Nutrition Sector in Kenya has requested technical support from the MI-TAN project to conduct an in-depth review the implementation of the 2012-2017 NNAP together with other nutrition related policies and plans.

Various government, non-governmental, UN and private sector actors are involved in tackling malnutrition and rolling out the nutrition agenda in Kenya. The country's main nutrition programmes are organized through a series of steering committees, working groups and task forces. These are supported by a number of cross-cutting interventions such as capacity building and monitoring, evaluation and research.

The overall leadership of the envisaged exercise will be coordinated and supported through the NICC, with a smaller operational task force that will be supporting the consulting team to execute the operational tasks of this assignment.

During the assignment, the consultant will facilitate technical working groups constituted along 3 thematic streams:

- **Stream 1:** Analysis of nutrition sector and other related sector strategies including the enabling environment that guided implementation of the NNAP with a view to understand their general effectiveness in realizing aspirations of the plan
- **Stream 2:** Programme review to include: analysis of programme and research data across the objectives and status of implementation of activities including resources (personnel, finance, supplies, ICT)
- **Stream 3:** Analysis of strengths, weaknesses and opportunities that currently prevail for the nutrition sector within health and other sectors in view of existing programme policies and strategies

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Objectives

The broad objective of this assignment is to conduct a review of the NNAP 2012-2017, part of the AOP of the Nutrition and Dietetics Unit 2016/2017, and provide recommendations for the next planning cycle for nutrition.

Overall Goal: Conduct an in-depth review of the implementation of the 2012-2017 NNAP and other nutrition related policies, strategies and plans (e.g. FSNP policy), and document successes, best practices, lessons learned, challenges, as well as support the identification of opportunities to inform nutrition interventions in the 2018-2022 MTP cycle.

Specific objectives:

1. Analyse nutrition sector policies and other related sector policies and strategies including the enabling environment that guided implementation of the 2012-2017 NNAP.
2. Analyse performance across the 11 strategic objectives and status of implementation of activities and identify successes, operational difficulties and challenges, and opportunities that exist for the nutrition sector to inform the revision of the NNAP.
3. Assess the extent of participation and, effectiveness in engagement of other sectors and line ministries in the implementation of NNAP, and identify opportunities for strengthened engagement.
4. Identify recent changes external to the health sector e.g. devolved governments, climate change, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) shifts, socio cultural, economic, and demographic, Kenya Health Sector Strategic Plan (KHSSP), Medium Term Report (MTR) 2016 etc. that need to be taken into account for nutrition planning for the 2018-2022 Medium Term Plan (MTP) period.
5. Identify recommendations that will inform advocacy efforts to enhance participation of nutrition sensitive sectors/ministries (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Education, Social Protection, Finance and National Treasury, Devolution and Planning ministry of Water and Irrigation etc.) in the development of NNAP.

Expectations

This TA has a role in setting the agenda for nutrition interventions in 2018-2022 MTP cycle.

The expected results from this TA are:

1. Information and assessment (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges) on the enabling environment, institutions, capacity, and information financing that will inform 2018-2022 MTP cycle.
2. Information available that will enhance effective organization of the nutrition sector at the national and county levels.
3. Mapping of opportunities to enhance participation of nutrition sensitive sectors in the development and implementation of 2018-2022 NNAP.

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Measures of success for this assignment are:

1. Active consultation and participation of diverse nutrition specific and sensitive stakeholders in the review.
2. Validated 2012-2017 NNAP implementation review report.
3. Mapped advocacy opportunities and objectives to enhance participation of all relevant stakeholders.

MI is committed to gender equality. Consultants are requested to indicate how they will ensure that gender equality considerations are included in the provision of TA.

Scope of Work

Under this contract, the Consultant is expected to deliver the following:

1. Develop detailed proposed methodology and work plan for the exercise.
2. Facilitate inception workshop and submit inception report detailing the role of work streams and other technical working groups.
3. Undertake desk review of the relevant documents including plans and policies as agreed by nutrition stakeholders and submit desk review report.
4. Develop information collection tools (work stream data collection tools, Key Informant Interviews (KII) Guides and Focus Group Discussions schedules)
5. Conduct KII at the national level and in selected counties and facilitate work stream taskforces to conduct relevant reviews.
6. Facilitate multistakeholder and multisectoral workshops to review and validate findings.
7. Consolidate stakeholders input and develop a final draft report.
8. Facilitate 1 day workshop targeting NICC members to present final findings, propose the way forward on 2018-2022 NNAP development and explore opportunities to increase participation of other sectors.

Duty Station/Location

The Consultant will be based in Nairobi with expected travel to selected counties.

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Travel

The Consultant is expected to undertake some travel to selected counties for multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder consultations. Specific counties to be visited by the Consultant will be decided by the work stream task teams.

All travels required under this consultancy will be provided for by MI. Perdiems are based on standard rates of the organization.

Timeline

The Consultancy will have a duration of 50-60 consultant days from 15th January, 2017 to 15th May, 2017 (to be determined based on the consultant's technical proposal and in consultation with SUN FP, nutrition sector and MI).

Management and Reporting

1. The Consultant will work under the direct supervision of the SUN FP (and/or her delegated designate) with technical oversight from NNAP review steering taskforce. The SUN FP, together with steering taskforce will facilitate operational linkages with task teams, NICC and any other relevant stakeholders.
2. The Consultant will work closely with the NICC and other nutrition sector actors in a participatory process, as outlined above.
3. The MI will provide funding for the consultancy which will complement operational support from government and/or other TA providers .
4. Specific financial and administrative accountabilities are to the MI for all the deliverables for the assignment. Payment will be subject to performance and reaching deliverables as agreed upon at the moment of contract signing.
5. The MI will provide technical input into the assignment and is responsible for assuring the quality of the work being delivered by the consultant. MI will review the Consultant's work and share with the SUN FP for feedback prior to sharing externally (as needed).

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Profile/qualifications of consultant

The Consultant will be selected following a recruitment process. The profile of the Consultant is as below:

Education

- Doctoral or full time Post-graduate (MSc.) level qualifications in Nutrition/ Food and Nutrition/ Community Nutrition/ Public Health Nutrition/ Public Health or any other related field(s).

Language Skills:

- Fluency in written and spoken English is mandatory.

Experience:

- At least 10-15 years for Doctoral or 15-20 years for Post-graduate of experience of technical work in the fields of nutrition/ public health policy planning including program designing and/or implementation/ monitoring.
- Excellent knowledge of Government of Kenya nutrition, health and food security policy, strategy, planning and service delivery context.
- Experience in programme and strategy review / evaluation and development at country and county level if possible.
- Experience in collecting and analyzing data, and extracting trends, observations and policy implications for nutrition policies and investments.
- Experience in advanced qualitative and quantitative data analysis methodologies.
- Excellent analytical, writing, synthesis, communication and facilitation skills.
- Experience working on health development projects in developing countries context is an added advantage
- Experience of working with partners at international, regional and national levels.
- Experience in planning, managing and facilitating national or international workshops/ conferences in nutrition.

MI is committed to the fundamental principles of equal employment opportunity. Women are encouraged to apply.

Interested consultants are invited to submit the following by email to **TechnicalAssistance@micronutrient.org** before **30th December 2016** with **Application to support 2012-2017 NNAP in-depth review in Kenya** as the email subject.

- Technical proposal: not exceeding five pages, describing the consultant's understanding of the task, proposed methodology, responsibilities of key stakeholders and detailed work plan that breaks down activities and outputs.
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV)
- Financial proposal: including daily fee rate, suggested number of trips/days in-country and any other expenses required to fulfill the terms of the consultancy (field trips, meetings, materials, etc.).