

**Consultant on Nutrition and WASH
(Maroua, Cameroon)****Background**

The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is an international non-profit research and development center committed to alleviating poverty and malnutrition in developing countries through the increased production and consumption of nutritious and health-promoting vegetables. Founded in 1971 with headquarters in Taiwan, the Center's global network today covers East and Southeast Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Central and West Asia and North Africa. For more information about The World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: www.avrdc.org.

WorldVeg's Liaison Office for Cameroon has been operational in Cameroon since 2008 and is now part of the newly created Regional Office for West and Central Africa – Coastal and Humid Regions with a regional hub in Cotonou, Benin. The Center seeks a national consultant in nutrition for the implementation of a community nutrition activities and supports the project team sensitization and awareness creation to prevent malnutrition, support women, youth and the most vulnerable beneficiaries targeted by the project and awareness creation on nutrition-sensitive crops production and consumption in the region of Far North of Cameroon. These activities are implemented as part of the project "Improving diet diversity among children aged 0-23 months in Mokolo health in the far-north region" funded by UNICEF.

The project aims improving infant and young children nutrition and health status by improving infant and young child complementary feeding practices as well as consumption of safe, nutritious vegetables to vulnerable groups including women and young children in targeted areas. This will be achieved through the increased household and community production of nutrient-rich and diversified vegetables.

The Consultant will be based in Maroua, Cameroon. The Consultant will be responsible to WorldVeg's Acting Liaison Officer for Cameroon. The consultant will also work with the Flagship Program Leader for Healthy Diets and the Nutritionist, and collaborate with various local partners to attain the set project deliverables.

Overall objective

The overall objective of the consultancy is to contribute to improve dietary diversity at household and individual level and reduce nutrient gaps among pregnant and lactating women and children aged 0-23 months old through the implementation of a social and behavior change communication (SBCC) strategy promoting optimal infant and young child nutrition practices, community; household hygiene and sanitation practices and hands-on training in vegetable production.

Specific objectives

- Implement the community nutrition awareness activities;
- Mobilize beneficiaries and awareness creation in Infant and young child feeding practices and nutrition-sensitive aspects to prevent malnutrition;
- Support and facilitate training activities on improved nutrition practices;
- Support the preparation of learning materials;
- Counselling and sensitization activities on malnutrition prevention;
- Ensure the compilation of attendance lists and project documentation when required;
- Support monitoring activities by providing the project manager with data and updated information from the field;
- Contribute to the implementation of agricultural inputs distribution, with a specific focus on the Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture kits, under the supervision of the project manager;
- Continuous follow-up with project beneficiaries on training and nutrition activities field visits and provision of nutritional and technical support to project beneficiaries.

Methodology

Pending the definition of a comprehensive methodology, but not limited to it, the Consultant will have to develop a work plan with a timeline highlighting the key steps towards achieving the results and the list of key actors to be involved in the success of the activities. The Consultant must demonstrate active communication with:

- WorldVeg staff posted in Maroua;
- The administrative authorities (DO, SDO), traditional (Lamibé, Sultans, Lawans, etc.) and religious (imams, Koranic masters, priests, pastors) and the heads of the defence and security forces;
- The sectoral leaders of basic education, health centres, promotion of women and family, Agriculture and Rural Development and universities;
- The populations affected by the conflicts and the current security crisis.

Deliverables

The Consultant will contribute to the achievement of the following targets set within the project.

Result statement	Performance indicator/s	Baseline	Target
Specific result output 1: Improved young child feeding practices in the target district promoted	# of community trained on IYCF and WASH scoring at least 80% at post-test	0	113 (90% of the 125 participants)
	# of advocacy/social mobilization workshop organized	0	5
	# of participants at advocacy/social mobilization workshop organized	0	150
	Number of home visit for counselling	0	8800 (80% of the planned 11.000)
	Number of breastfeeding support groups set	0	88 (80% of 110 planned)
	Number of participants to cooking demonstration	0	16,000 (80% of the 20,000 planned)
	Percentage of children aged 6-23 months receiving the minimum acceptable diets in the target district (%)	19.1 ¹	25

Candidate profile

- A national of Cameroon;
- Master's degree in nutrition, public health or food sciences;
- Proven experience in nutrition and WASH and agriculture;
- Extensive experience in community nutrition, mobilizing communities, leading advocacy efforts and gender-related interventions;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to engage small and large groups, negotiate, demonstrate tact and diplomacy in dealing with project beneficiaries;
- experience in adult and non-formal education;
- ability to create, edit and present information in clear and presentable formats using conventional and digital media;
- ability to develop indicators for program dissemination activities and measuring results;
- excellent ability to lead, plan, coordinate and work with the project team, community leaders, beneficiaries and partners;
- Ability to be flexible, creative and effective manner under challenging situations and in response to changing needs.
- Willing to be based and work in Far North region.

Work language

High proficiency in written and verbal French; ability to write and speak English and in at least one language commonly spoken in the intervention area would be an asset.

Evaluation

Nominations will be processed by a Commission appointed by WorldVeg and IITA at submission deadline. The internal evaluation criteria and selection procedures of WorldVeg and IITA will be applied. The evaluation of files will take place in two steps. The evaluation of the technical proposal will be first completed before opening and comparing the financial proposals. The financial proposal will only be open for submissions that have received a technical score of 70% out of 100 for the evaluation of the technical proposition. The technical proposal is evaluated on the basis of its degree of response to the mission (ToR).

In the second step, the financial offers of all the service providers who obtained the minimum technical score of 70% during the technical evaluation will be compared. The contract will be awarded to the consultant with the best score.

Submission procedure

Provider files will include in different envelopes:

• A technical offer including:

- A cover letter
- Methodology envisaged to carry out the mission
- copies of the certifications and diplomas of the consultant
- A copy consultant resume
- A detailed chronogram of the mission

• A detailed financial offer including:

- Consultants' fees
- Certification of banking and non-microfinance
- Logistics costs (WorldVeg)

Consultation times

15 business days/month for 10 months as from February 2019.

The application process

Candidates who are interested in this offer are asked to send their application to viviane.mbita@worldveg.org with a copy to regine.kamga@worldveg.org latest by 31st January 2019.

NB: Please consider as a purpose of your application mail: CONSULTANT ON NUTRITION AND WASH.