1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for a contractual partner who can provide Technical Assistance for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Services in Healthcare Facilities, under an Agreement for Performance of Work (APW) contract. The proposals are due by 20 October 2020.

2. Background

Universal health coverage can only be achieved when all HCFs have access to fully functioning basic WASH services that are indispensable in providing quality care, infection prevention and control (IPC) practices, and environments that respect the dignity and human rights of all care seekers.

The 2019 WHO/UNICEF JMP Baseline Report on WASH in HCFs shows that in least developed countries, only 55% of HCFs had basic water, 21% had no sanitation services, and 16% had no hygiene services in place. Only 27% of HCFs had functioning basic waste management services. There was insufficient data to estimate levels of basic cleaning services.

In this critical situation, at the World Health Assembly in May 2019, all 194 WHO Member States unanimously approved Resolution WHA72.7 on WASH in HCFs. All countries committed to achieve universal access to “safely managed” WASH services in all HCFs by 2030. “Safely managed” services include provision of certified quality drinking-water, sex-separated sanitation facilities not shared by staff and patients, and toilet excreta safely disposed of and treated off-site. Safely managed hygiene services refer to the availability of handwashing facilities with soap and water. Resolution WHA72.7 calls on countries to establish baselines and set targets, embed WASH in key health programmes and budgets, and regularly report on progress. To support countries to achieve necessary and functional WASH services and practices in every healthcare facility, WHO set targets for WASH services in HCFs:

- By 2021, all countries have completed baseline WASH in HCF assessments, have set national targets, and have developed and are implementing national standards.
- By 2022, 60% of all HCFs globally to have at least basic WASH services.
- By 2023, all countries have included WASH in health plans, budgets, and implementation efforts (e.g. quality of care, infection prevention and control, antimicrobial resistance, universal health coverage/primary health care).
- By 2025, at least 50 countries that did not have universal access in 2016 have met or exceeded their own national targets.
• By 2030, universal coverage of WASH in all HCFs.

The 70th session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in 2019 approved PB 2020–2021 to operationalize A vision for WHO work with Member States and partners in the Western Pacific For the Future Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region also by committing to support “national efforts to ensure full coverage of water supply in healthcare facilities in the Region by 2023, and promote safe, green and resilient healthcare facilities.”

The 2019 WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO) report on the status of WASH services in HCFs in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines and Viet Nam proposes a regional programme to improve WASH services in HCFs, focusing on these countries as they are currently the ones with the most complete set of data. All five countries planned to complete national baseline surveys before the end of 2020. The programme aims to support countries achieve universal access to water services, minimal sanitation services and functional hand hygiene facilities in all HCFs, by 2023.

For the Philippines, current efforts include preparation of WASH in HCF Roadmap; assessment of WASH services in selected project areas using the adapted WASH FIT tool; development of green and safe health care facility manual; development of WASH FIT operations manual; updating of the health care waste management manual; development of monitoring system for WASH in HCF; and capacity building on WASH FIT, green and safe HCF, and health care waste management.

With the gaps in WASH services in priority areas, response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is becoming a challenge. In order to support the Department of Health (DOH) and priority Local Government Units (LGUs) being affected by this disease, it would be strategic to provide technical assistance on WASH services in HCF. To implement this, a contractor is deemed necessary to be hired.

3. Timeline
The implementation timeline for the project is from 25 October to 18 December 2020.

4. Place of Assignment
Manila, Philippines

5. Scope of Work

In close collaboration with the Health and the Environment (HAE) Unit of the WHO Philippine Country Office (WCO) and HAE Team of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO), the Contractor will support the implementation of the programme to improve WASH services in selected healthcare facilities (HCFs) in the Philippines.

(1) Assessment of the current status of WASH services in 10 healthcare facilities;
(2) Conduct of training using the latest WHO/UNICEF WASH FIT methodology and training materials already developed in the Philippines; and
(3) Improvement in WASH services in selected HCFs.
OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

**Output 1**: Assessment of the current status of WASH services in selected HCFs in the Philippines

**Deliverable 1**: Report on the current status of WASH services in selected HCFs

**Activity 1.1**: Determine the status of WASH services in HCF in at least 10 HCFs using the latest version of WASH FIT assessment tool.

**Output 2**: Conduct of training using the latest WHO/UNICEF Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT) methodology and training materials developed in the Philippines.

**Deliverable 2**: Online training for WASH services in 10 HCFs

**Activity 2.1**: Facilitate the conduct of online WASH FIT training for 10 HCFs to come up with improvement plans for needed WASH services.

**Output 3**: Improvement in WASH services in selected HCFs

**Deliverable 3**: Consolidated improvement plans for WASH services in HCFs derived from WASH FIT assessment.

**Activity 3.1**: Mentor 10 HCFs in preparing their improvement plans on WASH services.

**Activity 3.2**: Consolidate improvement plans and identify possible support from WHO with details on costing and program of work with a plan for implementation of not later than 18 December 2020.

**Activity 3.3**: Facilitate the implementation of WHO support from the improvement plans of 10 HCFs.

6. **Qualifications**

The Contractual partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

**Education and Certifications**

- The Team Leader is graduate of any of the following courses: Environmental and Sanitary Engineering, Public Health, Environmental Management, or equivalent courses, preferably with relevant post-graduate courses.
- Team members with appropriate educational qualifications based on the work to be conducted on WASH.
Work Experience

- Experience working in health and environment programs and projects with or for Government agencies in a multi-stakeholder environment, particularly on WASH.

Technical skills and Knowledge:

- Technical knowledge and practical skills in the development of strategies, policies and workplan development and evaluation in WASH, with special focus on WASH for health;
- Technical knowledge and skills in WASH in healthcare facilities;
- Skills in facilitating meetings; excellent communication skills and good understanding of regional cultures; and
- Skills in report preparation.

Language requirements:

- Expert knowledge in written and spoken fluency in English and Tagalog is essential.

7. Competencies

The following competencies are mandatory:

- Technical competence in the field of water supply, sanitation, hygiene, environmental health and climate change
- Ability to engage and communicate with multiple stakeholders
- Skills to respect and promote individual and cultural difference
- Capability of working harmoniously with a positive attitude at work
- Willingness to travel extensively nationwide

8. Other Requirements

The team members are expected to travel according to the itinerary based on the proposed activity plan.

9. Submission Requirements

Interested institutions and/or firms should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Proposal with financial details and timeline
- Company profile and qualifications/curriculum vitae of team members (if institution)
Address all proposals to:

Dr Rabindra Romauld Abeyasinghe  
WHO Representative in the Philippines  
Ground Floor, Building 3, Department of Health  
San Lazaro Compound  
Rizal Avenue, Sta Cruz, Manila  

Please submit the electronic copy of the proposals with the title: Technical Assistance for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Services in Healthcare Facilities to Mrs Ying Chen (cheny@who.int) and wpplwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on 20 October 2020.