

## **Terms of reference – TrackFin**

### **Long-term consultant: Technical Project Coordinator**

Under the supervision of the focal point for the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) in the Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health (WSH) unit and with respect to the on-going efforts of the WHO-led UN-Water GLAAS to promote effective tracking of national financial flows in WASH:

#### **Purpose of the long-term consultancy position**

To coordinate the development and implementation of technical assistance to enable countries to track financing to water, sanitation and hygiene in order to better target resources, improve health, and contribute to harmonized regional and global water and sanitation-related monitoring.

The activities of the Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health (WSH) Unit are oriented towards attaining the highest possible reduction of water, sanitation and hygiene-related diseases through primary prevention and maximizing the health benefits of sustainable water and sanitation management.

WSH's major objectives are to support countries in: preventing and controlling water-borne disease; preventing waste, sanitation and water-related health-care associated infection, and preventing disease associated with water resource development and management and wastewater management. The Unit provides water and sanitation-related normative inputs into prevention (guidelines, good practice), monitors access to drinking-water supply and sanitation and progress towards global targets and assesses inputs required to extend and sustain water, sanitation and hygiene systems and services.

The Unit is coordinating the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) which reports on the capacity of countries to progress towards the MDG water and sanitation targets. GLAAS provides a national and global update every two years on the policy frameworks, institutional arrangements, human resource capacity, and international and national finance streams in support of sanitation and drinking-water. As publicly available data on the status of finance in the sector is scarce and difficult to collect, WSH launched in 2012, as part of the UN-Water GLAAS effort, a new initiative entitled “TrackFin” to improve tracking of financial flows in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

#### **Organizational context**

Under the supervision of the Project Manager GLAAS in the WSH unit, to provide support to GLAAS by coordinating the TrackFin initiative which has the aim of developing and testing a methodology to improve tracking of financing to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) at country level.

#### **Summary of assigned duties**

##### **1. Coordinate the TrackFin initiative:**

- a. Implement TrackFin in selected countries in collaboration with WHO Regional and Country Offices, national Ministries of Health/Finance/Water, and experts consultants.

- b. Oversee a Technical Advisory Group to ensure effective technical support to the TrackFin process;
- c. Develop collaboration with other organizations interested in monitoring financial flows to WASH, at global, regional and national level to provide inputs and support for the development and scaling-up of the initiative;
- d. Facilitate the data collection process and data analysis using WASH accounts;
- e. Contribute to the production of national reports on data results, lessons learned and country follow-up actions;
- f. Support the coordination of regional and country workshops on TrackFin;
- g. Ensure effective communications for TrackFin, including through website development, online data and document dissemination and representing WHO in relevant international meetings and events;
- h. Explore opportunities to extend the initiative to other countries and mobilize additional resources in view to the continuation and expansion of TrackFin activities and contribute to the process of formulating the development of subsequent phases.

TrackFin will also seek to be consistent and harmonized with a number of other initiatives currently taking place in the WASH sector or higher (i.e. at the level of public financing), including:

- The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-Water), a framework adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission to organize hydrological and economic information in a coherent and consistent manner;
- The Strategic Financial Planning (SFP) framework developed by the OECD to estimate how much resources are available to meet future development goals at national level;
- The Public Expenditure Reviews conducted by the World Bank, including for the WASH sector in a number of countries;
- The Public Expenditure Financing Accountability (PEFA) initiative, which is financed by seven donors (including DFID and the World Bank) and evaluates public spending based on a series of indicators and is about to launch some sector-level evaluations, including in the WASH sector;
- The development of monitoring indicators for the sector as part of the post-2015 agenda.

**2. Coordinate with the UN-Water GLAAS team to provide support for the preparation of the GLAAS 2015/2016 cycle and resulting products, particularly on aspects relating to WASH funding flows.**

- Participate in the GLAAS weekly meetings reviewing progress and follow-up actions;
- Contribute to the financing section on financing in UN-Water GLAAS reports or thematic information briefs, including data analysis.

**3. Undertake other duties as required, including providing support to WSH monitoring efforts on data reconciliation with countries and use country regulatory data to inform global water quality data (Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation) and the Global Expanded Monitoring Initiative (GEMI).**

- Contribute to specific in-depth/case studies under the UN-Water GLAAS initiative on aspects relating to financing to water, sanitation and hygiene;
- Contribute to discussions on the development of monitoring indicators for the WASH sector as part of the post-2015 agenda.

**Requirements/essential knowledge and skills**

- Experience in interfacing with different actors (governments, NGOs, donors). Knowledge of the global monitoring landscape and economics and finance of drinking-water and sanitation with various actors at different levels.
- Excellent organisational, leadership and inter-personal skills in view of interacting with multiple stakeholders at country level in workshops, meetings and conferences.

**Education**

Advanced university degree in water and sanitation-related field, in economic development or in a relevant field.

Desirable: Additional post-graduate training courses in the area of development finance.

**Experience**

At least ten years' post-graduate experience in the field of drinking water and sanitation/environmental health and/or financing for health/WASH at national and international level.

**Language skills**

Fluent in both French and English (written and spoken), working knowledge of Spanish desirable

**Position specifications and requirements**

- Availability to travel to Geneva on a regular basis (frequency to be determined), with an initial 2 weeks stay at start of probationary period, including travel to multiple countries, primarily in Africa, based on specific needs
- Participate in GLAAS weekly meetings
- Initial three month probationary period . Upon satisfactory performance, one year contract, renewable up to four years.