

## **World Bank IEG country case study for *Undernutrition and Its Determinants Evaluation***

Terms of Reference – National Consultant (STC)

Three positions – One each in *Niger, Rwanda, Indonesia*

Application Closing: No later than March 22, 2020. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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### **Background**

The World Bank Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) is carrying out an evaluation on Undernutrition and Its Determinants. The evaluation will assess what has been the contribution of the World Bank to reducing undernutrition and its determinates (related to decreasing stunting and anemia and increasing exclusive breastfeeding and dietary diversity). The evaluation will be conducted in fiscal year 2020 and be finalized early fiscal year 2021.

The evaluation will be theory-based using an adapted version of the UNICEF framework for optimal nutrition/ improving malnutrition. Core to this framework are nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific interventions to address undernutrition. The framework also has an assumption of multisectorality: nutrition-sensitive interventions in four categories broadly influence results beyond the scope of any one sector: i) dietary and food practice, ii) feeding and care of children and women and girls during pregnancy/preconception, iii) health service utilization, and iv) water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

The evaluation is proposed to have three main lines of inquiry: 'EQ1. To what extent is the World Bank supporting relevant interventions to improve nutrition outcomes as per country context, needs, and priorities? EQ2. To what extent is the World Bank implementing multisectoral approaches to support nutrition outcomes? EQ3. To what extent is the World Bank achieving results to improve nutrition outcomes? The first question addresses "the what" of interventions supported in countries, and the extent to which the World Bank is doing 'the right thing'. Relevance will be assessed based on the consistency of the support with the latest evidence and the alignment to priorities in countries. The second question deals with "the how", in terms the role of the World Bank in supporting multisectoral approaches, based on stocktaking of multisectoral approaches and support to these approaches in countries. The third question deals with "the results" of the World Bank support, based on the conceptual framework for improving outcomes. The evaluation will use a range of methods to address these questions. This purpose of the evaluation is to help inform the Bank's future multisectoral nutrition support.

### **Objective**

The objective of the proposed consultancy is to support the IEG evaluation team in conducting a field-based case study for the evaluation of Undernutrition and Its Determinants in the selected country.

### **Task**

The consultant will work closely with the IEG evaluation team on the below tasks:

1. In preparation for the case study and mission, gather available documentation and data at the national and sub-national nutrition program (in health, agricultural, social protection, water, early education, relating to projects identified in the Bank portfolio). This will include information and background document review to support a multi-stakeholder stocktaking of the national nutrition program.
2. Identify key stakeholders to meet from World Bank projects in the portfolio and select sites that have implemented Bank supported behavioral change activities to visit during the mission. Interviewees will include Bank staff in country, implementers from government, implementers from NGOs, partners and beneficiary groups.

The list of stakeholders will be tracked on an excel file, and be highly selective of the portfolio of projects in the country.

2. During the mission, facilitate meetings with key stakeholders with technical expertise and local institutional knowledge, assist in gathering information during and after the meetings, assist in scheduling additional meetings as desirable. This will include facilitating interviews in national/local languages, and documenting findings. It may also include drafting content to contribute to the case study, such as tables and diagrams.

4. Following the mission, follow-up as necessary with key stakeholders met during the mission, gather any additional documentation/information identified during the meetings with key stakeholders, pursue other leads as they arise.

### **Selection criteria**

The selected consultant will have familiarity with the health and/ or agriculture and nutrition sectors in the country and data collection, and skills on organization, administrative support, logistical arrangements, and/or program assistance.

### **Deliverables**

1. Agenda and materials for planning the mission.

2. Collected documentation and data at the sub-national and national level on the community nutrition program. This may be organized in tables and other requested formats.

3. Outputs prepared for the case study and stocktaking exercise.

2. Meeting minutes from key stakeholders' interviews (Word file).

### **Timing and payment**

The mission dates will be in April 2020. The consultant is expected to work 5 days prior to the mission doing background research, about 10 days during the mission including accompanying the IEG evaluator as required; for a total of up to 15 days of work. The consultant will claim his/her fees after the mission. Payment will be as per World Bank guidelines and the agreed daily rate.

### **Expertise**

The selected consultant will have a master's degree or higher in a relevant discipline (economics, public policy, health, agriculture, social development), and have familiarity with World Bank investment project operations, specialized knowledge in the health sector, and prior experience with project evaluation. Previous knowledge and experience in nutrition is highly desirable. Ability to work in English and local language of country.

### **Reporting**

The consultant will formally report to the IEG team leading the evaluation on Undernutrition and Its Determinants. The consultant is expected to maintain weekly email or VC communication with the team while planning the mission and following the mission.

**Travel:** Travel will follow World Bank guidelines.