**THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND (UNICEF)**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST No. 2024/003-REOI\_ LOCAL MANUFACTURING OF SQ-LNS IN NIGERIA.**

UNICEF is committed to the prevention of all forms of malnutrition in infants and young children including stunting, wasting, micronutrient deficiencies and overweight.  Small Quantity -Lipid-based Nutrient supplement (SQ-LNS) is a small supplement for the prevention of undernutrition and improves child survival, growth, and development. SQ-LNS is reported to have an impact on reducing the rate of stunting, wasting, anemia and child mortality. WHO (2023) estimates 149 million children under 5 to be stunted, 45 million to be wasted, and 37 million overweight or obese. In addition, almost half of all deaths among children under 5 years of age is linked to undernutrition. There is a need to include and integrate SQ-LNS within existing prevention programs. While UNICEF has globally approved suppliers of SQ-LNS, however having local producer9s) of SQ-LNS would better fulfil the UNICEF core principles in term of localization and sustainability.

Therefore, UNICEF is planning to further engage with local manufacturers who are interested in becoming suppliers of this strategic product to UNICEF locally in Nigeria as well as regionally and globally.

If you are manufacturing or have concrete plan to manufacture of SQ-LNS, and you are interested in collaborating with UNICEF, please complete the following questionnaire.  
  
Please submit your response no later than **31st March 2024.**

Expression of interest can be submitted via the following link or QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ydCE6igC73>

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**Deadline for submission: 31st March 2024.**