

**Europe and Central Asia Region (ECA)**  
**SHORT TERM INSTITUTIONAL CONSULTANCY**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

<b>Title</b>	Institutional Consultancy for Participatory research with adolescents and young people to inform overweight and obesity prevention and intervention programmes and policies
<b>Location</b>	Slovenia and remote
<b>Duration</b>	8 months

## 1. JUSTIFICATION/BACKGROUND

### Background and regional context

Slovenia has requested support from the European Commission under Regulation (EU) 2021/240 establishing a Technical Support Instrument, which will be provided as a part of the multi-country project on Child & youth wellbeing and mental health. Within this framework, UNICEF will be providing technical support to the Ministry of Health of Slovenia in the implementation of a Technical Support Instrument (TSI) funded by the Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) of the European Commission. In Slovenia, the project aims to improve access to and utilization of quality health, mental wellbeing, psychosocial and other support services by children, adolescents, and young people at risk of or living with overweight or obesity.

Overweight and obesity have reached epidemic proportions in the WHO European Region, with 7.9 per cent of children younger than 5 years and one in three school-aged children living with overweight or obesity. Prevalence decreases temporarily in those aged 10–19 years, where one in four live with overweight or obesity<sup>1</sup>. Alarming, there have been consistent increases in the prevalence of overweight and obesity in the WHO European Region and no Member State is on track to reach the target of halting the rise in obesity by 2025. Obesity develops across the life course through two compounding mechanisms: (i) developmental programming based on preconception and gestational exposure to obesity; and (ii) unhealthy diet and physical inactivity driven by exposure to obesogenic environmental factors<sup>2</sup>. It is also the leading risk factor for disability, causing 7 per cent of total years lived with disability, and obesity is linked to greater morbidity and mortality from COVID-19.

The WHO data used to identify trends in overweight and obesity come from the fifth round of the WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI), which took place between 2018 and 2020, and to which 33 countries contributed data. Twenty-nine per cent of children aged 7–9 years in the countries collecting data for COSI round 5 were found to be living with overweight (including obesity, according to WHO definitions). Overall, the prevalence of overweight and obesity among boys is 31 per cent, while among girls it is 28 per cent<sup>3</sup>.

Data from the fifth round of the COSI shows that for Slovenia, the rate of overweight and obesity among children 6–9 years of age is lower than the WHO European regional average at 15 and 9 percent respectively. The obesity

<sup>1</sup> WHO European Regional Obesity Report, 2022

<sup>2</sup> WHO European Regional Obesity Report, 2022

<sup>3</sup> Report on the fifth round of data collection, 2018–2020: WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI). Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2022

rate is highest among boys (10 percent) compared to girls (8 percent) and the rate of overweight is the same at 15 percent.

The Slovenian national surveillance system called SLOfit is a longitudinal research tool monitoring the physical fitness of children and adolescents since 1982. Slovenia has data on more than 40 cohorts of school-aged children followed for 13 years (age 6-19), which represents one of the largest databases on children's somatic and motor development in the world. Recent data from SLOfit shows that COVID had a negative impact on children's motor skills, whereby 75 percent of children showed a decline in motor skill development. 60 per cent of children had increased levels of body fat, and 24 percent of children were obese.

## National Policy Context

The National Programme on Nutrition and Physical Activity for Health 2015-2025<sup>4</sup> directs activities in Slovenia towards enhancing health and transforming the environment to support a healthy lifestyle, with the aim of preventing overweight, obesity, and obesity related diseases. Other relevant policies include the National programme on Mental Health 2018-2028 and the National Programme for Youth 2013-2022, which includes a focus on health and wellbeing.

Identifying unhealthy lifestyles in children and adolescents and developing appropriate programmes within the healthcare system is one of the anticipated measures of the National programme of nutrition and physical activity for health. Its aim is early detection and treatment of children and adolescents with risk factors for the development of diseases and conditions related to poor nutrition, excessive weight, obesity, and unhealthy lifestyle.

Slovenia is strengthening multi-disciplinary services for the management of overweight and obesity through an upgrade of Health Promotion Centres (HPCs) into integrated health promotion centres (IHPC), which are funded by the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia (ZZZS). There are currently 49, which are part of community health care centres (CHCs, 59 in total in Slovenia). The key strategy of IHPCs address all population groups, with a focus on vulnerable groups with various risk factors that significantly impact health (e.g., obesity, smoking, alcohol-related problems, mental wellbeing, etc.). Within the IHPCs, a new "Family approach for healthy lifestyle" intervention, has been established. It is a relatively new intervention that is evolving and adapting to respond to the needs of the children, adolescents and young people and their families who use and who need the services. Protocols for uniform treatment of overweight or obese children have been established. A comprehensive community and family centred approach brings together stakeholders from healthcare and other sectors including psycho-social, social and welfare services, education, youth, sports, culture etc.).

Beside "Family approach for healthy lifestyle" intervention delivered via the integrated health promotion centers, Slovenia has numerous policies and laws that support a healthy food environment. Based on the NOURISHING benchmarking tool<sup>5</sup> that was developed as part of the CO-CREATE<sup>6</sup> project to assess national government policy actions, Slovenia implements policy actions in 9 out of the 10 policy areas of the NOURISHING framework. One policy area received a good assessment, nutrient labelling (N1). Three policy areas received a moderate assessment: limits or removal of specific nutrients in food products (I1), standards on food in schools and other specific locations (O), and increasing public awareness of healthy eating (I2).

The lack of limits on the provision of sugar-sweetened beverages in schools and weak rules on unhealthy food availability in the immediate vicinity of schools affected otherwise well-designed standards for school food and

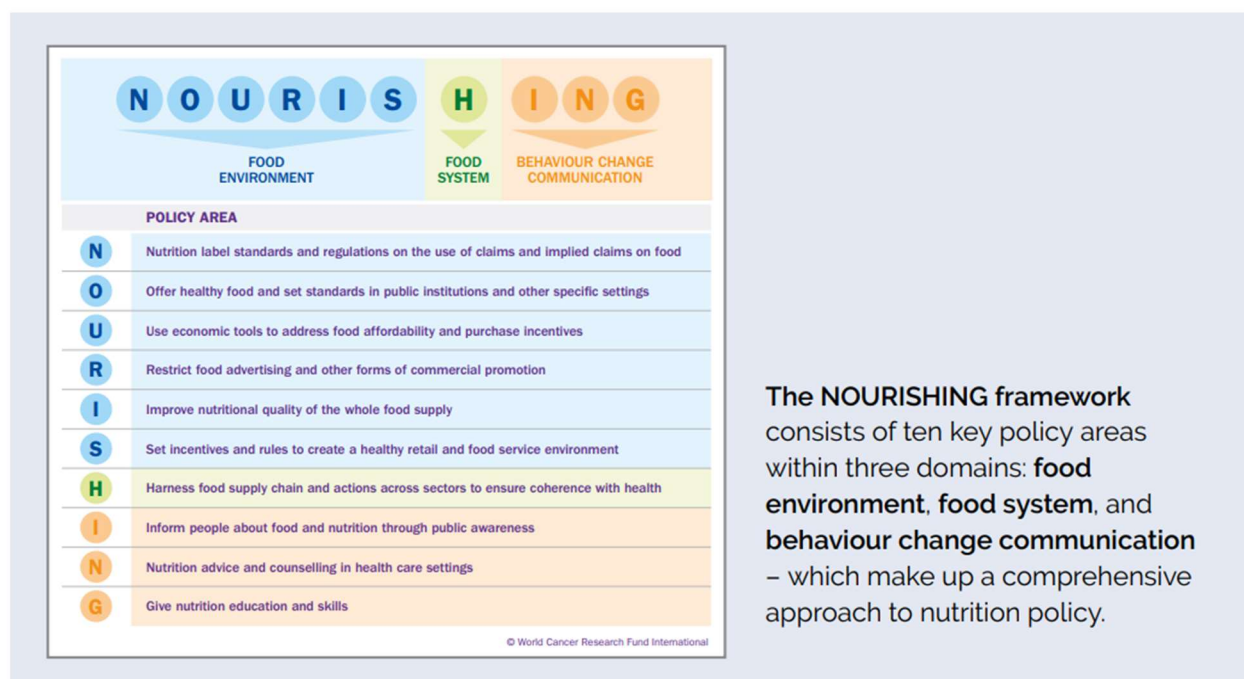
<sup>4</sup> The National Programme for Nutrition and Health Enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA) 2015–2025 (Nacionalni program o prehrani in telesni dejavnosti za zdravje 2015–2025). URL: <https://www.uradni-list.si/glasilo-uradni-list-rs/vsebina/2015-01-2441?sop=2015-01-2441>

<sup>5</sup> NOURISHING policy index May 2023 Nutrition policy status in 30 European countries. World Cancer Research Fund International and Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

<sup>6</sup> Klepp KI, Helleve A, Brinsden H, et al. Overweight and obesity prevention for and with adolescents: The "Confronting obesity: Co-creating policy with youth" (CO-CREATE) project. *Obes Rev.* Jan 9 2023:e13540. doi:10.1111/obr.13540

food in out-of-education locations (O). Gaps and weaknesses were identified in nutrition advice and counselling in healthcare settings (N2) and increasing nutrition education and skills (G), which received a fair assessment.

Priority actions should be taken to use financial incentives to increase the availability and affordability of healthy food (U), and to improve the retail and food service environments (S). It was recommended that action should be taken to implement more policy actions within the 2 policy areas that receive a poor assessment: improve food marketing and advertising to young people (R) and use supply chain actions such as procurement standards to ensure between food systems and health (H).



The NOURISHING framework consists of ten key policy areas within three domains: **food environment**, **food system**, and **behaviour change communication** – which make up a comprehensive approach to nutrition policy.

The focus of this Terms of Reference shall be on the policies that impact or affect young people.

## 2. OBJECTIVES, PURPOSE, AND EXPECTED RESULTS

### Objectives of the assignment

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia with support from UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office, is seeking the support of an institution to design and conduct participatory research with adolescents and young people to inform overweight and obesity prevention policies and actions.

Policy and actions to promote a healthier food and physical activity environment are essential to sustain behaviour change that is achieved by behaviour-oriented prevention and treatment interventions such as the IHPC's 'Family Approach to Healthy Lifestyle'. Participatory action research is an effective tool for young people to address issues affecting them. Securing youth involvement is important for several reasons. Only young people know what it is like to be young today, and their experience and fresh perspectives are valuable in and of

themselves. Furthermore, youth involvement in policy dialogue and development is important for youth empowerment and it is their human right to participate in decisions that affect them.

This participatory research will provide an opportunity for a broad range of young people to share their own experiences and concerns regarding the broader environment in which they live and to express how it affects their physical and mental wellbeing. To support the development of policies to reduce overweight and obesity, there has been a growing body of evidence that a combination of systems thinking with design thinking is an effective approach. A 'systems approach' is becoming increasingly important to addressing the complex issue of obesity. In line with this is a need to focus on policy actions with the potential to sustainably reduce the prevalence of obesity among children, adolescents, and young people and for this to be meaningful, adolescents should be active partners in identifying the drivers of overweight and obesity and the obesity-related policies that hold promise in building a healthier future.

Systems mapping work with adolescents has demonstrated causal chains driving dietary and physical activity habits and has helped to strengthen public policy that focuses on increasing physical activity and mental health. The influence of social media use among adolescents on their body image and motivation to exercise are just some of the insights that can be gained through systems mapping. By using a systems approach, the project will provide valuable contributions to enhance the understanding of how the broad range of factors at different policy and contextual levels impacts adolescents' diet, physical activity, and weight, and identify relevant policy areas to be strengthened.

UNICEF is therefore seeking the engagement of an institution to design and conduct participatory action research by engaging young people using methods proven successful.

### **3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

#### **Scope of work**

The contracted institution shall contribute to the achievement of output 3.

#### **Output 3: Capacity building for service providers, key stakeholders, schools, sports organisations, and community-based organisations on understanding the drivers and risk factors associated with overweight and obesity among children, adolescents, and young people.**

This shall require a series and sequence of activities that the institution is expected to conduct with technical inputs and support from the Project Advisory Committee (comprised of representatives of the main institutions and stakeholders as well as professionals or experts in the fields of healthcare, nutrition, sport, psychosocial support, youth engagement, and family wellbeing in Slovenia) and Project Steering Committee (comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, and DG REFORM). For each output there are several deliverables that the institution is responsible for producing and by which their contractual performance shall be measured against.

To achieve this output the following broad activities will be carried out, and the institution shall expand on and elaborate on the design and methods to be used to complete these activities.

#### ***Activity 3.1. Participatory research with adolescents and young people to inform overweight and obesity prevention programmes and related policies.***

Working with adolescents conduct obesity system mapping sessions using a Group Model Building (GMB) approach (or similar method), to produce qualitative, diagrammatic illustrations of the perceived drivers of

obesity in the form of Causal Loop Diagrams (CLDs). This will require the engagement of adolescents and young people to not only participate in the sessions but to also co-lead the facilitation with researchers.

The institution, in partnership with UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office and UNICEF Slovenia is expected to identify networks of young people, or youth organizations within Slovenia with which to co-create the design and implementation of the participatory research. The institution shall propose the methodology and timeframe required to complete this activity.

### ***Activity 3.2 Stakeholder dialog forums between adolescents and public and private sector stakeholders***

Based on the findings of the overweight/obesity system mapping sessions, conduct meetings between adolescents and relevant stakeholders (local authorities, government policy makers, service providers, etc) to discuss and agree on areas of policy that could be strengthened to increase relevance to young people based on their contextual or age-appropriate needs. The institution in partnership with UNICEF ECARO and UNICEF Slovenia, will be required to identify relevant stakeholders to include in the dialogues with young people and shall consider recommendations made by the Project Advisory Committee.

## **4. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES**

Activities/tasks	Deliverables	# of working days	Period
<b>Output 3: Capacity building for service providers, key stakeholders, schools, sports organisations, and community-based organisations on understanding the drivers and risk factors associated with overweight and obesity among children, adolescents, and young people.</b>			
Activity 3.1 Participatory research with adolescents and young people to inform overweight and obesity preventions programmes and related policies. To include but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop inception report.</li> <li>• Conduct desk review of existing policies related to overweight and obesity prevention that affect children and young people.</li> <li>• Conduct inception meeting with relevant stakeholders</li> <li>• Identify and recruit young people.</li> <li>• Conduct systems mapping workshops.</li> <li>• Write up report and recommendations</li> </ul>	1. Inception report including detailed methodology and workplan for the participatory research and policy dialogues, and desk review findings	44	From the signing of the contract
	2. Systems mapping workshop reports.	22	February 2025
	3. Draft final report and recommendations	22	March 2025
Activity 3.2 Stakeholder dialog forums between adolescents and public and private sector stakeholders	4. Conducting the dialogue forum workshops	22	April 2025
	5. Stakeholder mapping report	22	May 2025

	6. Policy dialogue forum report	22	June 2025
	7. Final report and recommendations	22	July 2025
	<b>TOTAL WORKING DAYS OUTPUT 3</b>	<b>176</b>	
	<b>TOTAL WORKING DAYS FOR THE FULL ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>176</b>	

## 5. LOCATION AND DURATION

The assignment is for a duration of 176 working days within a period of 8 months in total. Aspects of the assignment shall be undertaken remotely and in person in Slovenia.

## 6. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The institutional contract will be managed directly by the Nutrition Specialist of UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office. The Project Steering Committee shall provide oversight of the performance and progress of the assignment.

## 7. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Potential institutional service contractors will need to agree to meet the standards set in the UNICEF Procedure on Ethical Standard in Research, Evaluation, Data Collection and Analysis.
2. Potential institutional service contractors need to supply evidence of having undertaken ethics training or commit to undertake ethics training if capacity development is a priority and researchers with ethics training are unavailable.
3. Monitoring can identify relevant potential ethical issues and mitigation strategies relating to potential harms and benefits, informed consent, privacy and confidentiality and payment and compensation. If applicable, include specific considerations for research related to children and/or sensitive issues and reference appropriate additional sources of guidelines and standards (e.g. UNICEF's guidance on children in research).
4. Ethical review will be undertaken if necessary.

## 8. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS, SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE

### Qualifications and desired expertise

- A minimum of 10 years' experience operating as a public health research or academic institute or similar organization
- Prior experience conducting systems thinking methodology for health projects and using causal loop methodologies with young people.
- Demonstrated experience in policy review, analysis, and reform processes.
- Expertise in research related to overweight and obesity prevention and policy development.



- Knowledge of the context in Slovenia is an advantage.
- Experience of working on nutrition projects desirable.
- Knowledge of Social and Behaviour Change.
- Fluency in English is required, excellent written and verbal communications skills in English, working knowledge of Slovenian is desirable
- Excellent analytical, report writing, and human relations skills.

## 9. PROPOSED PAYMENT MODALITY AND RESERVATIONS

Deliverable	Description of deliverable	Timeline	Schedule of Payment %
Deliverable 1	Inception report including detailed methodology and workplan for the participatory research and policy dialogues, and desk review findings	Estimated 3 months after contract signing	30%
Deliverable 2	Workshop facilitation of stakeholder systems mapping dialogues with workshop report	Estimated 4 months after contract signing	20%
Deliverable 3	Draft final report and recommendations	Estimated 6 months after contract signing	10%
Deliverable 4	Conducting the dialogue forum workshops	Estimated 6 months after contract signing	10%
Deliverable 5	Stakeholder mapping report	Estimated 7 months after contract signing	10%
Deliverable 6	Policy dialogue forum report	Estimated 8 months after contract signing	10%
Deliverable 7	Final report and recommendations	Estimated 9 months after contract signing	20%
			100%

## 10. DURATION OF SERVICE

Duration of 176 working days (8months)

## 11. STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSALS

**Technical Proposal should include but not limited to the following:**

Examples of previous and similar assignments

Description of scope, methodologies, and tools to be used.

Draft workplan and timeline for the research activities

Description of the research team composition, including profiles and qualifications

Conflict of interest disclosures

**Financial Proposal:**

Detailed budget of estimated costs per output and activity

Contingency costs

## 12. APPLICATIONS/ SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSALS

As part of the submission package, please complete and submit the technical and financial proposals as they are described in the tender document. Technical proposals should be written in **English** and submitted in the following format in a submission portfolio:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Abbreviations Used
4. UNICEF Request for Proposal for Services (RFPS) Form (*signed by the bidder*)
5. Introduction
  - Profile of the Institution
6. Technical Proposal
  - Description of Work Packages and Deliverables based on Description of assignment of this TORs
  - List of tools that will be used for the assignments
7. Qualifications of the Experts
  - CVs of the proposed technical team
  - Relevant education and professional experience of the proposed technical team members
8. Bibliography (if applicable)
9. Appendices
  - Short descriptions of the relevant work (ongoing and/or completed) of the institutional consultancy company;
  - Professional references of the institutional consultancy company (if applicable);
10. The following documents shall be included in the technical proposals of the bidders:
  - A. A complete copy of your latest audited financial statements with comparative figures for the last 2 years, preferably signed by your company's accounting firm/ certified external auditor. The financial statements are to include, but not limited to, the following:
    1. Balance sheet (mandatory)
    2. Income statement/ Profit and Loss Statement (mandatory)
    3. Statement of cash flows (if available)
    4. Statement of changes in shareholders' equity (if available)
    5. The report from the external auditor (if available)
    6. Notes to the financial statements (if available)
  - B. A copy of your company's certificate of legal registration
  - C. A copy of your Official list of authorized signatures
  - D. Your company's UN Global Marketplace (UNGM) registration number. You are kindly requested to register for, at the very latest, Basic and Level 1 stages. For registration and instructions on how to, kindly refer to the attachment or the UNGM site: <https://www.ungm.org/Account/Registration>
11. Financial Proposal
  - \*must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/ in a separate email***
  - \*\*please use the standard format (financial proposal template) provided***

***\* Proposals must be made in accordance with the instructions described in the RFPS document.***

### **13. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING THE PROPOSALS & EVALUATION PROCESS OF THE PROPOSALS**



Proposals submitted in response to this tender will be evaluated in terms of technical quality and financial offer.

**Award Criteria:** Cumulative Analysis.

The evaluation and award criteria that will be used for this RFP is Cumulative Analysis evaluation (point system with weight attribution). The weighting ratio between the technical and financial proposals will be 70:30. The respective importance between technical and financial scores will be weighted as 70% and 30%.

- Weightage for Technical Proposal = 70%
- Weightage for Financial Proposal = 30%
- Total Score = 100%

**Technical evaluation criteria 70 points.**

An offer is considered technically acceptable (and therefore eligible for opening of financial offers), when it obtains 49 points out of 70 during the course of the technical evaluation. The final selection of the contractor will be based on a combination of the technical and financial proposals with a weighting of 70% for the technical proposal and 30% for the financial proposal. In the case of cumulative analysis, the proposals scoring below 70% of the available technical points will be considered non-compliant and will be rejected and not further considered (e.g. in the case of 70:30, the passing score is 49 points out of 70).

**Financial Proposal Criteria: 30 points**

The price proposals should include detailed breakdown of all listed tasks and deliverables.

The total amount of points allocated for the price component is 30. The maximum number of points will be allotted to the lowest price proposal that is opened and compared among those invited consultancy company(s)/institutions which obtain the threshold points in the evaluation of the technical component.

All other price proposals will receive points in inverse proportion to the lowest price, e.g.

$$\text{Max. score for price proposal} * \text{Price of the lowest priced proposal}$$

$$\text{Score for price proposal X} = \frac{\text{Price of proposal X}}{\text{Price of the lowest priced proposal}}$$

**Technical evaluation criteria table:**

Technical proposals will be evaluated using the criteria outlined below:

ITEM	TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA	MAX OBTAINABLE POINTS
<b>1</b>	<b>Institution/Organization experience conducting relevant similar participatory research.</b>	<b>20</b>
1.1		5
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of similar research projects conducted specifically with young people (4 or more: 5 pt, 3 – 4: 3 pt, 2 – 3: 2 pt, 1 – 2: 1pt.)</li> <li>• Relevance of research projects to the ToR</li> </ul>	15

<b>2</b>	<b>Appropriate methodology and plan of actions according to the ToR:</b>	<b>30</b>
2.1		20
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief technical approach and methodology, including proposed qualitative methods, quality assurance (Max 4pages)</li> <li>Detailed workplan and timeline of activities</li> </ul>	10
<b>3</b>	<b>Experience of staff that will work on the project.</b>	<b>20</b>
3.1		10
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevance of experience of lead researcher in similar role as required in TOR</li> <li>Experience performing similar or relevant research projects</li> </ul>	10
<b>TOTAL TECHNICAL SCORE</b>		<b>70</b>
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL SCORE</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL &amp; FINANCIAL SCORE</b>		<b>100</b>

## Institutional arrangements / Copy Right

### Reservations:

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Confidentiality, intellectual property and other proprietary rights are governed by Article-5, Annex-A General Terms and Conditions for Services of the RFPS document. Please see below the excerpt for ease of reference:

### QUOTE:

#### **5. Intellectual Property and Other Proprietary Rights; Data Protection; Confidentiality**

##### **Intellectual Property and Other Proprietary Rights**

1. Unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract:
  - a. Subject to paragraph (b) of this Article 5.1, UNICEF will be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including but not limited to patents, copyrights and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, documents, data and other materials ("Contract Materials") that (i) the Contractor develops for UNICEF under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to the Contract or (ii) are produced, prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract. The term "Contract Materials" includes, but is not limited to, all maps, drawings, photographs, plans, reports, recommendations, estimates, documents developed or received by, and all other data compiled by or received by, the Contractor under the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Contract Materials constitute works made for hire for UNICEF. Contract Materials will be treated as UNICEF's Confidential Information and will be delivered only to authorized UNICEF officials on expiry or termination of the Contract.

b. UNICEF will not be entitled to, and will not claim any ownership interest in, any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor grants to UNICEF a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary rights solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

c. At UNICEF's request, the Contractor will take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring them (or, in the case, intellectual property referred to in paragraph (b) above, licensing) them to UNICEF in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

### **Confidentiality**

2. Confidential Information that is considered proprietary by either Party or that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract or in connection with the subject matter of the Contract will be held in confidence by the Recipient. The Recipient will use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure of the Discloser's Confidential Information as the Recipient uses for its own Confidential Information and will use the Discloser's Confidential Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the Recipient. The Recipient will not disclose the Discloser's Confidential Information to any other party:

- a. except to those of its Affiliates, employees, officials, representatives, agents, and sub-contractors who have a need to know such Confidential Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract; or
- b. unless the Confidential Information (i) is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction; (ii) is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality; (iii) is known by the Recipient prior to disclosure by the Discloser; or (iv) at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures under the Contract.

3. If the Contractor receives a request for disclosure of UNICEF's Confidential Information pursuant to any judicial or law enforcement process, before any such disclosure is made, the Contractor (a) will give UNICEF sufficient notice of such request in order to allow UNICEF to have a reasonable opportunity to secure the intervention of the relevant national government to establish protective measures or take such other action as may be appropriate and (b) will so advise the relevant authority that requested disclosure. UNICEF may disclose the Contractor's Confidential Information to the extent required pursuant to resolutions or regulations of its governing bodies.

4. The Contractor may not communicate at any time to any other person, Government or authority external to UNICEF, any information known to it by reason of its association with UNICEF that has not been made public, except with the prior written authorization of UNICEF; nor will the Contractor at any time use such information to private advantage.

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