

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUPPORTING SMART SURVEYS IN EMERGENCY HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Consultancy Title	Conduction of Nutrition SMART Survey
Location	South Darfur
Task Type	Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transition SMART Survey
Task duration	6 th of November 2025- 13 th of November 2025
Cost	consultant shares
Data collection methods <i>in person interview</i>	

1. WORLD VISION SUDAN

In Sudan World Vision has been responding to the Darfur crisis since June 2004. World Vision had its head office in Khartoum which has since moved to Port Sudan at the red sea state. We are currently operating in response mode in a number of states namely: South Darfur, Blue Nile, East Darfur, South Kordofan, Khartoum, River Nile State, El Jazera and Red Sea state. Our operations are on and off depending on the accessibility of the operational area and the prevailing security situation.

2. BACKGROUND

As a result of the complexity of crisis in Sudan, to date, approximately 11 million people in Sudan do not have access healthcare and nutrition services due to poverty-associated and negative coping mechanisms and forbade access and outcomes, several critical services have been discontinued due to the continues conflict which significantly impacted on health and nutrition facilities, also poor accessibility to functional healthcare unities and Nutrition unities, in addition to influx of internally displaced persons (IDPs) are putting extra pressure on already weak services.

These terms of reference are meant to outline WV Sudan's objectives, plan, deliverable and intended results of conducting Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transition SMART Survey to identify the top priorities of the needs of targeted beneficiaries in South Darfur also it helps and facilitates to understand and determine children under 5 and maternal nutrition status at national, governorate levels, within, create scope to take needs-driven activities for World Vision interventions for target groups.

Further still WV is planning to do these surveys in one Locality to generate sufficient information to support the Nutrition cluster contribution to the Sudan hunger crisis management through the modification and updates to the IPC. This therefore means that the information should be of global standards to be accepted by the cluster.

3. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSESSMENT

3.1 Main objective of the survey

The overall objective of the surveys will be to determine the nutrition status of children aged 6-59 months as well as the mortality situation in 3 localities. The surveys also will be assessed the probable factors contributing to malnutrition.

3.2 Specific Objectives

- To determine the prevalence of acute malnutrition, stunting and underweight among children aged 6-59 months.
- To determine the retrospective crude mortality rate and the under-five mortality rate.
- To assess the two-week retrospective childhood morbidity rate among children aged 6-59 months.
- To understand the health seeking behaviors of the caretakers of children aged 6-59 months.
- To assess the coverage of measles vaccination in children 9-59 months, De-worming in children aged 12-59 months and Vitamin A supplementation in children aged 6-59 months.
- To assess the core infant and young child feeding practices (IYCF) among children aged 0-23 months.
- To assess the hygiene and sanitation practices (WASH) of the households in the Locality.



- viii. To assess LLITN utilization
- ix. To assess the nutritional status (MUAC) of PBW (Pregnant and Breastfeeding women).

4. METHODOLOGY

The consultant will require to demonstrate through a proposal that they can conduct a SMART Survey. The below methodological guidelines need to be adhered to for the consultant proposal to be considered for Sudan.

1. The **SMART** Survey is per locality, and the locality of concern is Nyala North found in South Darfur.
2. For this locality, interested in, kindly write a protocol, you will be vetted on each locality separated, kindly use the SMART survey standard protocol. If You do not have it, please request for it from the health and nutrition manager world Vision Geoffrey_Babughirana@wvi.org. There is one specifically tailored to Sudan.
3. For determination of the sample for that locality, use the appropriate recently conducted and validated surveys that neighbor the localities and are found in the same livelihood zones. Reach out to Geoffrey_Babughirana@wvi.org for any documentation required for use. There is already a survey done for Nyala North kindly request for the link.
4. Your Proposal for feasibility will be discussed and approved by the Sudan Nutrition Cluster, this might generate back and forth to ensure harmonization
5. Your protocol submission will also require a slides deck prepared, but this will be requested from you at on boarding stage.
6. You will ensure that data collection tools will be digitized through Kobo toolbox hosted by the WVS office and all data will be digitally collected on that system.
7. Demonstrate how You will be able to support the SMART even remotely since most of Sudan is inaccessible
8. The consultant should submit a realistic financial proposal including all components even though World Vision will care for some of the components
9. Please ensure your submission is aligned and follows the current SMART Survey methodology recommendations

5. TIMELINES

This process will be done collaboratively with the Nutrition Information system sub cluster of the Nutrition cluster. Further, the consultant will be supported by the MEAL department and the contracts management department (Supply Chain) while the health and nutrition team will be offering all the technical back stopping.

6. EXPECTED OUTPUTS & DELIVERABLES.

The Consultant in Collaboration with MEAL Manager will provide the following deliverables:

1. **Inception Report**, an inception report will be developed by the selected consultant, expanding on the methodology outlined, work plan, and survey tools.
2. **Data Collection Tools** (including all questionnaires, interview guides, focus group discussion guides, etc.) Tools are expected to be finalized after WV review and piloting.
3. **Facilitation of Training Event(s)** including enumerator training on tool use and ethics including child protection and informed consent remotely.
4. **Raw Data Files** including raw and cleaned datasets, audio files, transcripts/notes, codebook, etc. All data files to be uploaded to Kobo Toolbox should be translated into English.
5. **Draft Report** using the provided template and closely following WV Sudan requirements and standards.
6. **Final Report** incorporating WV Sudan and Cluster leads for feedback. The final report should be provided in English.
7. **A Findings Presentation** to the core proposal team which highlights the main results of the needs assessment.

7. LIMITATIONS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The below are related to challenges in the monitoring process and the proposed mitigation measures:

1. **Access Restriction:** South Darfur state is an extremely fragile operational context. It might be difficult for the project team to gain access to certain areas which would limit WV Sudan's ability to conduct site visits, maintain data security as well as staff safety.
2. **Accessibility issue:** Some of the operational areas are inaccessible, therefore, WV Sudan will adapt data collection and reporting systems and rely on an alternative management mechanism.



In order to mitigate for these potential difficulties and challenges, remote data collection modalities via telephone could be undertaken.

8. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- a. As part of the Submission (not in the protocol), firms are requested to submit their profile evidently showing their experience.
- b. As part of the submission, an individual who has a certificate as a master trainer or facilitator of SMART. This will be subjected to validation by the Nutrition information System cluster
- c. Attachment of a SMART survey report done in the past by the SMART consultant
- d. Knowledge and demonstrated experience and skills in designing, facilitating, and conducting Baseline and Endline studies exercises remotely.
- e. Must be familiar with the use of ENA software
- f. Experience in using Kobo system and PowerBI for data collection and visualization.
- g. Ability to support the exercise remotely and able to submit the desired deliverables in 30 days (working and non-working) from signing the contract
- h. A budget for this work considering the Withholding Tax (WHT) of 5% that going to be deducted by WVS as income Tax from the due payments.

