



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SERVICE CONTRACT- IPC Consultant

Closing Date: November 25, 2024, 12:00 AM EST

BACKGROUND

ABOUT ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

Founded in 1979, Action Against Hunger is a global humanitarian organization that takes decisive action against the causes and effects of hunger. Our mission is to save the lives of severely malnourished children while helping communities become self-sufficient. Recognized as a world leader in the fight against malnutrition, Action Against Hunger has pursued its vision of a world without hunger for almost four decades, combating hunger in emergency situations of conflict, natural disasters, and chronic food insecurity. With more than 8,000 staff in nearly 50 countries, our programs in nutrition, food security, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and hygiene reach more than 20 million people each year.

ABOUT ACTION AGAINST HUNGER CANADA

With an annual Budget of \$46million and a staff strength of nearly 40 people, Action Against Hunger Canada (est. in 2006) works tirelessly in the fight against hunger globally through our specialized nutrition technical programs that build the knowledge and skills of nutrition and public health professionals worldwide for the detection, treatment and prevention of malnutrition. We are a leading recipient of funding from Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and advocate for changes to policy and practice in support of better nutrition and increased food security. Our collaborative programmatic model brings together communities, civil society, government, and the international assistance community to work jointly on fundamental public health issues that contribute to hunger in this world.

Our leading-edge programs have been built on the foundations of technical excellence, rigour and innovative practice over many years. We are experts in nutrition information systems, emergency nutrition and gender equality. Action Against Hunger Canada plays a hosting role to two significant global programs (SMART and the Global Nutrition Cluster Operations Team Programme Support) that provide guidance, tools and training in the areas of nutrition data collection and analysis and best practices for emergency nutrition service delivery for hundreds of Governments, civil society organizations and international organizations worldwide. Our programs support the capacity of public health professionals who deliver lifesaving and long-term initiatives in communities globally. We also work towards a sustainable transformative health system strengthening in all our efforts to ensure a long-lasting impact together with our partners, including members of the Humanitarian Coalition. As a member of the Action Against Hunger International Network, we also provide a range of technical support for the mainstreaming of gender equality across our programs and operations worldwide. Our commitments towards a gender transformative approach are integrated into our core health programming and our technical support to our International Network.

To learn more about Action Against Hunger, visit our website at www.actionagainsthunger.ca

ABOUT THE INTEGRATED FOOD SECURITY PHASE CLASSIFICATION (IPC)

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification is an innovative multi-partner initiative for improving food security and nutrition analysis and decision-making. By using the IPC classification and analytical approach, Governments, UN Agencies, NGOs, civil society and other relevant actors, work together to determine the severity and magnitude of acute and chronic food insecurity, and acute malnutrition situations in a country, according to internationally recognized scientific standards.

The main goal of the IPC is to provide decision-makers with a rigorous, evidence and consensus-based analysis of food insecurity and acute malnutrition situations, to inform emergency responses as well as medium and long-term policy and programming.

The IPC was originally developed in 2004 to be used in Somalia by FAO's Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU). Since then, a global partnership of 15 organizations is leading the development and implementation of the IPC at global, regional and country level. With over 10 years of application, the IPC has proved to be one of the best practices in the global food security field, and a model of collaboration in over 30 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Action Against Hunger is one of the 15 organizations that form the global partnership of the IPC and serves as a member of the IPC Acute Malnutrition Task Force. The task force works to ensure that, together with IPC Acute Food Insecurity (AFI) analyses, the IPC Acute Malnutrition (AMN) analyses meet the evolving information needs of decision-makers. Together, they aim to systematically inform improved food security and nutrition funding, policy, and programming decisions at levels appropriate to the needs in all countries where acute malnutrition is of concern.

With a growing demand for IPC AMN analyses, Action Against Hunger Canada is supporting the IPC Global Support Unit, the operational arm of the IPC initiative, by securing and strengthening human capacity to deliver high-quality APC AMN analyses.

To learn more about IPC, visit <https://www.ipcinfo.org/>

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Request for Proposal is to obtain quotations from IPC technical experts (consultants) for service delivery, including, but not limited to, supporting the development and testing of the IPC AMN Analysis Platform and the development of protocols for persistent prevalence of acute malnutrition and underlying causes in close collaboration with the IPC Global Support Unit.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

The service that is required will include the following:

	Activity
1.	Supporting two pilot implementations of IPC Analysis Platform including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting the multi-partner coordination efforts at country level.▪ Participation in weekly IPC GSU planning meetings as well as monthly coordination meetings.

2.	Facilitation of an IPC AMN analysis workshop for testing protocols and guidance for analyzing persistent prevalence of acute malnutrition and its underlying causes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation of workshop materials and analysis packages.
3.	Analysis and testing of data from 3 countries for persistent prevalence of acute malnutrition and its underlying causes.

REQUIRED PROFILE

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

- IPC Level 1 certification. Possession of a higher (level 2 or level 3) certification will be considered an asset.
- Master’s degree in nutrition, public health, epidemiology, statistics, social sciences, life sciences or other related disciplines.
- At least 5 years of progressive work experience at the national and international levels in nutrition assessments and/or analysis.
- 3-5 years of work experience in developing countries and emergency contexts.
- Experience working with international and local partners and local authorities.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND OTHER ATTRIBUTES

- Strong organizational, planning, data management and analytical skills.
- Strong coordination skills and ability to work in multi-sector and multi-agency environment.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English. Fluency in French would be considered a strong asset.
- Strong cultural sensitivity and tact.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- IPC Level 1 Certification
- Education
- Years of Experience in Nutrition Assessment and/or Analysis
- Sector Experience
- Knowledge of French
- Monthly Rate

DUTY STATION/LOCATION

The above-notes activities will be carried out across various regions in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia with the specific location of support provided after contracting.

SUPERVISORS

The consultant will be supervised by the Senior Project Manager of Action Against Hunger Canada and will work under the direction of the IPC Quality Assurance Team Leader.

CONTRACT MODALITY

Fixed-term and deliverable-based contracts planned to commence from December 2024 and end in November 2025.

Action Against Hunger Canada will be responsible for travel arrangements. While in-county, IPC GSU will be responsible for all the logistical and security facilitation.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open to individuals only and not to a group of people or organizations.

Responses (quotations) to this request for proposal should include:

- An up-to-date resume showcasing experience of similar work.
- A cover letter.
- Three references for whom similar work has been performed.
- Monthly rate for the delivery of services outlined above. (Please provide your quotations in Canadian Dollars).
- Submission of a signed ACF Good Business Regulation Form.

Submit the proposal before November 25 at 12:00 AM EST to:

procurement@actionagainsthunger.ca

Please highlight “IPC Consultant” in the subject heading.