



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS – SERVICE CONTRACT

CONSULTANCY ON ANTICIPATORY ACTION AND NUTRITION SUPPORT TO SOUTH SUDAN

Closing Date: Tuesday 19th August 2025, at 23:59, EST/Toronto time.

BACKGROUND

The Global Nutrition Cluster is an initiative for the mutual benefit of the nutrition community, and affected populations, to improve the quality of nutrition in emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The technical arm of the GNC Operations Team, called the GNC Programme Team, is co-led by Action Against Hunger Canada and UNICEF. The GNC Programme Team exists to provide on-demand technical expertise to improve nutrition outcomes in emergencies, both remotely and in-country. GNC Programme Team services are available to any nutrition actor including governments, national and international NGOs, UN agencies, Red Cross/Crescent Societies and others.

The impact of climate change on humanitarian needs is globally recognised. Climate change causes extreme weather events (droughts, floods, tropical storms and wildfires), disrupts ecosystems and intensifies food insecurity, malnutrition and population displacement, causing new humanitarian crises or exacerbating existing ones. Anticipatory action has gained significant momentum in recent years as an impactful and cost-efficient way of preventing predictable climate hazards (e.g., storms, floods, and droughts) from turning into humanitarian disasters. However, the appropriate integration of nutrition in anticipatory action has been constrained for several reasons including: (i) limited integration of nutrition-specific indicators in early warning systems (EWS); (ii) deficits of nutrition information systems (NIS) in readiness for anticipatory action; (iii) isolation of nutrition clusters from in-country anticipatory action initiatives such as disaster management or climate risk programs; and (iv) lack of nutrition integration into anticipatory action tools and protocols. In addition, there is a limited representation of nutrition actors, particularly local and national actors (LNAs), in the design and implementation of early warning systems and anticipatory action. LNAs are frequently excluded from humanitarian funding mechanisms, humanitarian coordination and capacity sharing opportunities, while they are most often the first responders to a humanitarian crisis caused by a climate shock.

To address these challenges and gaps, the GNC Operations Team, together with the SMART Initiative, the South Sudan Nutrition Cluster, and the Yemen Nutrition Cluster, is implementing a small-scale project aimed at improving the technical quality and leadership of locally led, data-based, anticipatory action for better nutrition outcomes in two high severity countries: South-Sudan and Yemen. In South Sudan climate shocks such as flooding exacerbate existing humanitarian needs. In 2024 floods displaced 350,000 people and affected 1.4 million. The floods devastated farms and livestock, disrupted access to essential services like water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health services and education, and exacerbated malnutrition. According to South Sudan Nutrition Cluster projections, 2.1 million children under five will face acute malnutrition in 2025. Strengthening the integration of nutrition within anticipatory action in South Sudan has the potential to mitigate the effects of climate shocks on the most vulnerable and build nutrition resilience.

OBJECTIVE

The Anticipatory Action (AA) and Nutrition Advisor will work in close collaboration with the South Sudan Nutrition Cluster, AA stakeholders in country, government partners and LNAs to map existing AA initiatives and activities in-country, develop and deliver an AA and nutrition capacity strengthening event and draft an AA and nutrition roadmap for South Sudan. The AA and Nutrition Advisor will work in close collaboration with the GNC Operations Team and will receive technical backstopping support from the GNC Climate, AA and NiE Helpdesk.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for this support are currently being finalised. They will likely include the following activities:

	Activities	Deliverable(s)	Anticipated LoE and modality
1	Inception meetings with GNC Operations team, South Sudan Nutrition Cluster, OCHA, government entities and other relevant partners. Desk review of relevant AA documents, preparation of the inception report.	Short inception report highlighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding of the context, including existing AA activities, initiatives and frameworks in place in South Sudan and key actors within this space• Detailed workplan for the in-country support• Suggested methodological approach	5 days (home-based) over 2 weeks
2	Review existing global capacity strengthening tools and guidance on AA and develop or adapt tools for a 3-day capacity strengthening event on AA and nutrition, contextualised to the South Sudan context, specifically targeting local and national actors. This package should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to climate risk• Link between climate and nutrition• Impact of climate shocks on nutrition outcomes• Overview of AA plans, initiatives and frameworks in country and at global level• Case study on the integration of nutrition into AA• Entry points for nutrition integration into AA in South Sudan and action planning session	Contextualised 3-day AA and nutrition capacity strengthening package, including slides and participant materials	12 days in-country

3	In collaboration with the South Sudan Nutrition Cluster coordination team and key stakeholders, facilitate a 3-day capacity strengthening event on AA and nutrition in Juba.	Capacity strengthening event report, including key outcomes, recommendations and list of attendees	6 days (3 days delivery and 3 days report writing) in-country
4	In collaboration with key stakeholders engaged during capacity strengthening events, develop a roadmap for stronger integration of nutrition into AA in South Sudan and its ownership by LNAs. This should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section on why AA for nutrition is important in this context (to support longer-term advocacy efforts) Recommendations on how to better integrate nutrition into AA, specific entry points, specific programming options (AA and nutrition package) and how to better involve LNAs in AA systems and processes Next steps needed to take forward the AA and nutrition agenda in South Sudan, including its leadership and governance 	AA and Nutrition Roadmap for South Sudan, including AA and nutrition package	18 days in country
5	Consolidation and integration of feedback - finalisation of roadmap	Finalised roadmap	2 days (home-based)
6	Prepare learning product on AA and Nutrition to share lessons from the South Sudan experience; participate in global knowledge-sharing event	At least one learning product on South Sudan AA experience (brief or webinar presentation)	3 days (home-based)

TIMELINE

The duration of this support is 8 weeks (46 working days) over 3 months. Looking to start in early September 2025.

PROFILE

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

Required:

1. Advanced University degree in International Development, Humanitarian Assistance, Food and Nutrition or other relevant field OR First University degree with additional years of related work experience and/or training/courses.
2. Knowledge of, and experience in, emergency preparedness or anticipatory action, demonstrating a deep understanding of best practices and methodologies
3. Experience in nutrition in emergencies programming

4. Hands-on experience in developing country-level strategic documents
5. Demonstrated experience in capacity strengthening, including capacity assessment and training material development

Desired:

6. Experience in promoting localisation and mainstreaming a localisation lens within technical support
7. Experience in working through the cluster system
8. Previous working experience in South Sudan

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND OTHER ATTRIBUTES

Required:

1. Strong skills in coordination and the ability to work effectively with a range of stakeholders, including nutrition clusters, partners and government representatives.
2. Strong communications skills (both written and verbal) at a level appropriate for high-level external representation.
3. Excellent writing skills, with a demonstrated ability to produce clear, user-friendly, and strategically focused documents.
4. Ability to manage and coordinate efforts from multiple stakeholders for a common goal and purpose
5. Ability to work in English at a high level

Candidates with previous work experience in the country, or knowledge of the context, will be prioritized

DUTY STATION/LOCATION

The consultant will provide remote (home-based) and in-country support. The consultant may be required to apply flexible working hours.

SUPERVISORS

The consultant will be supervised by both the GNC Operations Team Coordination Unit and the in-country requestor (South Sudan Nutrition Cluster Coordinator).

CONTRACT MODALITY

Fixed-term deliverable-based contract.

Applications are open to individuals and teams.

HOW TO APPLY

Proposals responding to this RFQ should include:

- Updated CV
- Cover letter detailing experience in conducting similar work

- Three references for which you have conducted similar work
- Quotation – dated and signed. Please provide your daily rate in Canadian Dollars (CAD). [The quotation template is provided with this RFQ](#), however candidates may use their own template if they prefer. Quotation must be dated and signed. Please note that all travel and in-country costs will be covered by Action Against Hunger Canada and it is not necessary to include these costs in your quotation.

Signed Action Against Hunger Canada Good Business Regulations Form will be required prior to completion of contracting.

Please submit the proposal before Tuesday 19th August 2025, at 23:59, EST/Toronto time to:
procurement@actionagainsthunger.ca

Please highlight “Consultancy on Anticipatory Action and Nutrition support to South Sudan” in the subject heading.