



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS – SERVICE CONTRACT

CONSULTANCY ON NiE & COORDINATION SUPPORT TO THE STATE OF PALESTINE NUTRITION CLUSTER

Closing Date: Thursday, 14th May 2026, 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 emergencies (NiE) 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.

According to the 2026 State of Palestine (SoP) Flash Appeal, 1.1 million people have been targeted for NiE interventions, including 900,000 in the Gaza Strip. Access constraints and deregistration pressures on INGOs since July-Dec 2024 have shifted responsibility to local partners for the provision of nutrition services and activities, whilst in-country support from external actors remains challenging given access constraints.

Malnutrition trends in Gaza are declining compared to 2025, thanks to market improvements and greater accessibility to food and necessities. However, caseloads now feature more malnutrition associated with co-morbidities and/or health conditions (disabilities) and in children older than five, requiring different approaches. In addition, other programming gaps have been identified, including protection and nutrition integration, disability inclusion and care for children with special needs.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) in the State of Palestine continues to operate under unprecedented pressure, facing severe challenges that hinder the effective delivery of nutrition services. These include significant disruptions in the supply chain for essential nutrition commodities, restricted mobility for technical teams, and a critical shortage of specialized human resources due to the ongoing crisis. Furthermore, the massive displacement of populations has overstretched the existing primary healthcare infrastructure, making the integration of nutrition surveillance and response more complex. Strengthening the capacity of local actors is, therefore, vital to bridge these gaps and ensure a resilient, MoH-led nutritional response.

In this context, the GNC was approached by local and national actors (LNAs) in Gaza and the West Bank to provide remote capacity strengthening and facilitate peer-to-peer exchange on the programming areas mentioned above. This was consolidated into a formal request for support from the State of Palestine Nutrition Cluster, on behalf of a group of LNAs, in early 2026.

OBJECTIVE

The Consultant will work closely with local and national nutrition actors operating in Gaza and the West Bank, and with the State of Palestine Nutrition Cluster coordination team, to strengthen local capacities on the priority gaps identified (protection mainstreaming in nutrition, disability inclusion across CMAM and IYCF-E programming, coordination training), using online capacity strengthening, peer-to-peer learning, short workshops and blended training.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

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

#	Activities	Deliverable	LoE
1	<p>In collaboration with the SoP Nutrition Cluster partners, develop a 3-day online workshop package (3 hours/day), in Arabic, related to the mainstreaming of protection into IYCF-E and CMAM programming, for the context of Palestine.</p> <p>The workshop package should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A review of the mainstreaming of protection within NiE programming• How to mitigate protection risks and an outline of protection referral pathways in PHC/outreach nutrition workflows• A clarification of coordination touchpoints with protection actors• A consensus on a simple referral pathway visual with protection focal points (TBC)	3 day/9 hours workshop package, including slide deck, agenda, interactive exercises, pre-reads and evaluation form	5 days (over 2 weeks)
2	<p>In collaboration with the SoP Nutrition Cluster coordination team and partners, facilitate the 3-day online protection mainstreaming workshop in Arabic</p>	Workshop report, including key outcomes, recommendations, a list of attendees and analysis of evaluation responses	5 days (1 day preparation, 3 days delivery, 1 day report writing)
3	<p>In collaboration with the SoP Nutrition Cluster partners, develop a 3-day online workshop package (3 hours/day), in Arabic, related to disability inclusion within NiE programming, for the context of Palestine. This workshop should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A peer-to-peer exchange approach, building on partners' expertise in this area and Gaza-adapted practices for children with special needs (e.g. AEI experience)• Promotion of existing tools such as the Disability inclusive IYCF-E package and the	3 day/9 hours workshop package, including slide deck, agenda, interactive exercises, pre-reads and evaluation form	5 days (over 2 weeks)

	<p>Disability tool developed by the GNC¹, and their relevance to the Palestinian context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consensus on pathways and service package, including roles, points of care, specialized products and medical referrals (TBC) • A consensus on a disability-inclusion checklist for NiE programming (TBC) <p>This activity will be conducted with the support of the global GNC Disability Inclusion working group.</p>		
4	<p>In collaboration with the SoP Nutrition Cluster coordination team and partners, facilitate the 3-day online disability inclusion workshop in Arabic².</p> <p>This activity will be conducted with the support of the global GNC Disability Inclusion working group.</p>	Workshop report, including key outcomes, recommendations, a list of attendees and an analysis of evaluation responses	5 days (1 day preparation, 3 days delivery, 1 day report writing)
5	Contextualize the existing GNC blended training package on cluster coordination for the Palestinian context and prepare the interactive virtual sessions. ³	Contextualized blended training package, including an outline for interactive virtual sessions	3 days
6	In collaboration with the SoP Nutrition Cluster coordination team and partners, deliver a blended training on cluster coordination in Arabic ⁴	Blended training report, including key outcomes, recommendations, a list of attendees and analysis of evaluation responses	5 days over 2 months
7	Provide 3 coaching sessions (2 hours each) on the development or strengthening of NiE programming for each participating organization (thematic areas to be determined by the participating organization).	Brief summary of coaching activities and themes covered for each organization	15 days over 2 months (3 days of coaching per participating organization)
8	Wrap-up final deliverables and draft end-of-mission report ⁵ , including recommendations on next steps that can be translated by the SoP Nutrition Cluster into an operational roadmap.	Finalized deliverables and end-of-mission report	2 days
		Total LoE	45 days

TIMELINE

The duration of this support is 45 days over a 4-month period. Looking to start late May 2026.

¹ See also e-learning: Disability Inclusion in Humanitarian Coordination <https://agora.unicef.org/course/info.php?id=36307>

² Potential co-facilitation support may also be provided by OCHA, TBC

³ The process will also involve the selection of 2-3 key focal points who will actively participate in all stages of the blended training and will be accredited by the GNC to replicate the training to other cohorts of trainees in the future.

⁴ For the participants, the blended training consists in 10 self-paced online modules alternating with a total of 3 guided practice sessions. The activity spans 3 weeks to a month.

⁵ Based on existing GNC Operations Team End-of-Mission report template

PROFILE

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

Required:

1. Advanced University degree in nutrition, public health, humanitarian assistance or another nutrition/health-related social science field OR First University degree with additional years of related work experience and/or training/courses.
2. At least 10 years of work or relevant experience in nutrition and public health in emergencies.
3. Demonstrated experience in the design and implementation of capacity strengthening approaches and activities, along with the facilitation of online learning events
4. Familiarity with the mainstreaming of protection and disability within NiE programming
5. Experience of working through the UN cluster system

Desired:

6. Previous working experience in the State of Palestine
7. Experience in promoting localization and mainstreaming a localization lens within technical support

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. Strong consensus building skills and ability to coordinate efforts from multiple stakeholders for a common goal and purpose
5. Fluent Arabic and English, both spoken and written

Candidates with previous work experience in the country or familiarity with the context will be given a preference.

DUTY STATION/LOCATION

The Consultant will provide remote (home-based) 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 (State of Palestine Nutrition Cluster Coordinator).

CONTRACT MODALITY

Fixed-term, deliverable-based contract.

Applications are open to individuals, teams of people, or organizations.

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 – Please provide your daily rate in Canadian Dollars (CAD).

Please note: Consultants of the GNC Consultant Roster can simply share their interest via email, with an up-to-date CV and daily rate, and will be prioritized for this work.

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

Please submit the proposal before Thursday, 14th May 2026, at 23:59 EST/Toronto time to:
procurement@actionagainsthunger.ca

Please indicate '**Consultancy on NiE & Coordination Support to the State of Palestine Nutrition Cluster**' in the subject line.