TERMS OF REFERENCE CONSULTANT, NUTRITIONIST EXPERIENCED IN NUTRITION SURVEYS AND SMART METHODOLOGY [Insert COUNTRY – LOCATION]

BACKGROUND

[Insert background on current refugee situation, details on previous nutrition surveys or what is known of the nutrition situation. Explain why the current surveys are planned. Insert any other relevant detail.]

METHODOLOGY

The survey will be developed using the SMART methodology and UNHCR Standardised Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS) guidelines for refugee populations (Version 2, 2013). Anthropometric indicators will be generated using ENA or Epi/ENA software. Survey methodology should be reviewed by UNHCR regional or HQ nutritionists prior to data collection.

OBJECTIVES

The Consultant will oversee the UNHCR SENS and produce updated Anthropometry, Health, Anaemia, IYCF, Food Security, WASH and mosquito net coverage indicators on the [insert refugee setting] as per the following objectives:

Primary objectives

- To measure the prevalence of acute malnutrition in children aged 6-59 (see Module 1).
- To measure the prevalence of stunting in children aged 6-59 months (see Module 1).
- To determine the coverage of measles vaccination among children aged 9-59 months (or context-specific target group e.g. 9-23 months) (see Module 1).
- To determine the coverage of vitamin A supplementation received during the last 6 months among children aged 6-59 months (see Module 1).
- To assess the two-week period prevalence of diarrhoea among children aged 6-59 months (see Module 1).
- To measure the prevalence of anaemia in children aged 6-59 months and in women of reproductive age between 15-49 years (non-pregnant) (see Module 2).

- To investigate IYCF practices among children aged 0-23 months (see Module 3).
- To determine the coverage of ration cards and the duration the general food ration lasts for recipient households (see Module 4).
- To determine the extent to which negative coping strategies are used by households (see Module 4).
- To assess household dietary diversity (see Module 4).
- To determine the population's access to, and use of, improved water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (see Module 5).
- To determine the ownership of mosquito nets (all types and LLINs) in households (see Module 6).
- To determine the utilisation of mosquito nets (all types and LLINs) by the total population, children 0-59 months and pregnant women (see Module 6).
- To determine the household coverage of indoor residual spraying (see Module 6).
- Include other additional objectives negotiated for the survey
- To establish recommendations on actions to be taken to address the situation in [insert refugee setting]

Secondary objectives

- To determine the coverage of selective feeding programme for children aged 6-59 months (Module 1).
- To determine enrolment into Antenatal Care clinic and coverage of iron-folic acid supplementation in pregnant women (see Module 2).

DELIVERABLES

 A final assessment report including recommendations on actions to address the situation is to be submitted at the end of the Consultancy. Results of standardisation tests, details of data cleaning and plausibility checks should be presented in the final report. The report must conform with the CRED survey completeness checklist (http://www.cedat.be/Field%20Resources).

- Standardised tables as presented in the UNHCR SENS Guidelines for refugee populations (version 2, 2013, www.sens.unhcr.org) and should be used for presentation of the results.
- The findings and major recommendations are to be presented to partners at the mission level (oral presentation and PowerPoint slides).
- The final cleaned version of the data sets used to calculate the survey results is to be sent to the PHHIV Section in UNHCR HQ (wilkinso@unhcr.org) and to UNHCR Country Office.

REPORTING

The consultant will report on regular basis to the UNHCR [insert title of UNHCR person responsible], who will have the overall responsibility of the survey.

TIME FRAME

The consultancy will last approximately [insert number of months], starting from [Insert start date].

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

The successful candidate will:

- Have a university degree or the equivalent, with advanced education in nutrition, with a specific competency in humanitarian emergencies.
- Have significant experience in undertaking nutrition surveys (design and methodologies, staff recruitment and training, field supervision and data analysis/write up).
- Be familiar with the SMART survey methodology and ENA for SMART, Epi/ENA or Epi Info software.
- Be fluent in English with excellent writing and presentation skills [insert any other language requirements].