***TERMS OF REFERENCE***

**C4D ERT deployment**

**To support Risk Communication and Community Engagement for Ebola,**

**Beni, DRC Country Office**

1. **BACKGROUND / RATIONALE**

Located in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the province of North Kivu borders the province of Ituri to the north, the provinces of Tshopo and Maniema to the west, and South Kivu to the south. To the east, it is bounded by Uganda and Rwanda. The province is made up of three towns: Goma, Beni and Butembo and six territories (Beni, Lubero, Masisi, Nyiragongo Rutshuru, Walikale). The demography of the total population is estimated at 9,817,937 million inhabitants in 2021, spread over an area of ​​59,631 km², or a density of 166 inhabitants per km².

The province is accessible by road and air. The main economic activities are agriculture, rearing small cattle and trading. Most of the population lives below the poverty line. From a security perspective, the province of North Kivu is experiencing a volatile security situation with several armed groups scattered throughout the province for which the Head of State has declared a “state of siege” since May 2021 to restablish the authority of the state

In terms of health, the province has a Provincial Division and a Provincial Health Inspectorate whose capital is located in Goma. The province is divided by thirty-four (34) health zones each with a General Referral Hospital (HGR) and several health centers (CS). The province is regularly facing an upsurge in certain epidemic diseases such as malaria, cholera, measles, bloody diarrhea, covid-19 as well as Ebola virus disease. Unfortunately, the health care system is weak.

On October 08, 2021, a case of Ebola virus disease (EVD) was confirmed in a 29-month-old male child living in the Butsili health area (AS) in the Beni health zone. The patient was treated successively in three health facilities in the ZS of Beni on September 27, 2021 and died on October 6, 2021. A sample was taken on October 7, 2021 by the staff of the health facility where the patient died and was sent to the Rodolphe Mérieux laboratory of the National Institute for Biomedical Research (INRB) in Goma. The sample tested positive for Ebola virus using the GeneXpert Xpert Ebola Assay (Cepheid, Sunnyvale, CA) on October 08. This case represents a new outbreak event of the 2018-2020 epidemic and is unrelated to the February 2021 cases.

This case follows three suspected EVD deaths reported by officials of the Beni health zone on September 30 and which occurred in a household in the Butsili AS on September 14, 19 and 29, 2021. The three suspected cases of EVD lived in the same neighborhood as the confirmed case. Samples were not taken from these cases and safe and dignified burials were not carried out.

The Beni health zone was one of the epicenters of the 2018-2020 epidemic. It is also close to the four health zones that experienced an outbreak of cases between February 7 and May 3, 2021. These new cases are occurring in an urban area where security and humanitarian issues are complex, making epidemiological investigations difficult.

**2- PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT**

This deployment requires a full-time commitment from ERT RCCE to support the UNICEF Ebola response team in Beni, the Ministry of Health and partners in coordination, risk communication, social mobilization and community engagement, research, feedback mechanisms, capacity building, M&E and donor relations related to RCCE Ebola support. ERT will work closely with teams deployed to respond to the epidemic.

1. **ROGRAMME AREA AND SPECIFIC PROJECT AREA**

This activity is related to the objectives of RCCE output, as part of Ebola response

1. **OBJECTIVE/S**

The objective of the assignment is to support Risk Communications and Community Engagement efforts to UNICEF C4D team and MoH, namely through monitoring, reporting and coordination.

1. **MAJOR TASKS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED**

* Support/provide technical guidance to Ebola RCCE Team, state governments, RCCE partners and MoH in the implementation of RCCE activities, including coordination, evidence generation, community engagement, capacity building, M&E and mainstreaming of AAP and PSEA
* Review existing and most recent evidence, offline feedbacks, social listening reports and work collaboratively on recommendations (data for action); identify needs and gaps for both research and communities’ feedback.
* Identify the needs and technical support to reinforce RCCE team for a longer period.
* Participate in coordination meetings with key RCCE actors as appropriate (including MoH, community associations leaders and RCCE partners),
* Identify capacity building needs and review/adjust training packages as/if needed, while ensuring the inclusion of PSEA components.
* Collaborate with other UNICEF sectors and sectoral partners (e.g. WASH, Health, CP, etc.) to incorporate and integrate their normative guidance and activities into the RCCE efforts and vice versa.
* Guide the preparation of Ebola RCCE monitoring and evaluation reports in accordance with the established UNICEF guidelines, methods and procedures.
* Support C4D and partners’ field visits to monitor the planning and implementation of Ebola RCCE interventions, and their alignment with AAP and PSEA principles and interventions, provide feedback at appropriate levels.
* Support coordination and reporting for various donors contributing to Ebola RCCE efforts.
* Support Goma C4D team any others C4D field mission, if needed, and transfer of good practices across different sub offices.
* Any other C4D related task within North Kivu province.

1. **DELIVERABLES AND DEADLINES**

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| **S. No.** | **Major Task** | **Deliverable** | **Specific delivery date/deadline for completion of deliverable (please mention as date/no. of days/month)** | **Estimated travel required for completion of deliverable (please mention destination/ number of days)** |
| 1. | Support/provide technical guidance to Ebola RCCE partners and MoH in the implementation of RCCE and vaccine communication activities, including coordination, evidence generation, community engagement, capacity building, M&E and mainstreaming of AAP and PSEA | Technical guidance to RCCE partners and MoH provided | Every month | NA |
| 2. | Review existing and most recent evidence, offline feedbacks, social listening reports and work collaboratively on recommendations (data for action); identify needs and gaps for both research and communities’ feedback | Regular identification of needs and gaps for both research and communities’ feedback | Continuous | N/A |
| 3 | Identify capacity building needs and review/adjust training packages as/if needed, , ensuring the inclusion of PSEA components. | Capacity building session organised | Continuous | N/A |
| 4 | Review existing and most recent evidence, offline feedbacks, social listening and work collaboratively on recommendations (data for action); identify needs and gaps for both research and communities’ feedback. | Recommendations / guidance on using data for action, based on collected evidence | Every month and on demand | N/A |
| 5 | Guide the preparation of regular Ebola RCCE reports in accordance with the established UNICEF guidelines, methods and procedures. | Monthly analytical summary reports  Other reports as requested | Every month and on demand | N/A |
| 6 | Support coordination and reporting for various donors contributing Ebola RCCE efforts | Regular communication with donors and reports submitted in time | Continuous | N/A |
| 7 | Reporting and documentation | Timely **state implementation reports** are collected, analysed and shared with MoH and UNICEF | Every month and on demand | N/A |

1. **DUTY STATION**

Beni, DRC

1. **SUPERVISOR**

Jean Metenier, Senior coordinator zone Est, Goma

1. **OFFICIAL TRAVEL INVOLVED (ITINERARY AND DURATION)**

Travel (possibilities of support mission in Goma)

1. **ESTIMATED DURATION OF CONTRACT (FULL TIME)**

Full Time for 6 weeks

1. **ESTIMATED COST OF CONSULTANCY/INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT: ERT**

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