

## LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: SUSTAINABLE WASH SERVICES IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING CONTEXT

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**PUB, SINGAPORE'S NATIONAL WATER AGENCY –  
SINGAPORE WATER ACADEMY**

and the

**UNICEF**

### **Singapore Cooperation Programme**

Singapore has provided technical assistance to other developing countries since the 1960s. As a country whose only resource is its people, Singapore believes that human resource development is vital for economic and social progress. Singapore itself has benefited from training provided by other countries and international organisations.

In 1992, the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) was established to bring together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes were increased to share Singapore's development experience with other developing countries.

To date, over 126,000 officials from more than 170 countries and territories have participated in our

courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

### **UNICEF**

UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. UNICEF has spent 70 years working to improve the lives of children and their families. Safe water, improved sanitation and good hygiene (WASH) is a foundation for development towards health, equity, gender equality and education and is at the center of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development. Goal 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aims to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all". UNICEF works within the

framework of this new development agenda to support governments in achieving these goals. Several countries in East Asia and Pacific region have achieved middle income status and are undergoing rapid economic changes. Since 1990, the proportion of people in the region with proper sanitation facilities has risen from 49 per cent to 76 per cent most recently— but this still means that around 519 million people do not have access to such facilities. Access to safe/improved water supply has also increased greatly but some 130 million people still lack access to safe water (JMP 2017). Despite steady progress, pneumonia and diarrhoea remain the biggest killers of children under five-years-old in this region. Sanitation and hygiene remain among the main contributing factors to high child mortality and under-nutrition (stunting and anemia) rates.

Similarly, disparities in access to safe water and sanitation reveal persisting inequities, with rural areas, urban slums and poorest part of the population lagging far behind. Around 75 million people or 3% of the population in the region - mostly the poor - are estimated to practice open defecation (JMP 2017). Our approach is to strengthen national systems and capacity through a mix of community based-activities and collecting evidence to advocate for equitable national and sub-national investments in children. With our partners, and in support of the Sustainable Development WASH Goals and Targets, UNICEF works, amongst other areas, to i) help governments design and implement appropriate gender sensitive policies, national standards and guidelines, build institutional capacity and develop interventions and ii) provide training and resources for communities to improve water quality, secure water supplies and safer sanitation facilities. For more information on UNICEF, please visit <https://www.unicef.org/what-we-do>.

## **PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency**

PUB is the national water agency, and manages Singapore's water supply, water catchment and used water in an integrated way. PUB has ensured a diversified and sustainable supply of water for Singapore with the Four National Taps – local catchment water, imported water, high-grade reclaimed water known as NEWater, and desalinated water. Its approach to water management can be distilled into three key

strategies: collect every drop of water, reuse water endlessly, and desalinate more seawater.

## **Singapore Water Academy**

To enhance capability development, PUB has set up the Singapore Water Academy, a practitioner-focused institution in urban water management.

Besides providing training for PUB staff, the Academy also trains the industry to strengthen current competencies and develop future capabilities. It also welcomes international participants to its programmes, which address engineering and operations, and business leadership & governance.

## **Course Objective**

Conducted in collaboration with UNICEF, this course shares skills and knowledge on water management, urban sanitation, drinking water quality monitoring, innovative financing and knowledge management.

## **Course Outline**

The course would cover topics such as:

- UNICEF's Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) strategy and tools with a focus on equity in WASH;
- Global and regional status and implications for WASH in the context of SDGs;
- WASH Enabling Environment and WASH Bottleneck Analysis for sustained WASH services;
- Integrated management of water resources, water quality and used water in Singapore;
- Environmental Protection and Management in Singapore;
- Water Pollution Control and Strategies;
- Innovative financing for WASH services; and
- Best practices in knowledge management, communication and advocacy for WASH.

## Methodology

The course will be conducted in English through classroom lectures, facilitated discussions and site visits. There would also be networking opportunities during the course.

## Course Duration

The course will be held in Singapore from **19 to 23 August 2019** (over 4.5 days).

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Nominated by their Government;
- Mid- to senior-level government officials working in the water supply, water management, sanitation and hygiene, public health departments, including officials representing urban and rural WASH and urban mayors
- Proficient in both spoken and written English as the course is conducted fully in English without translation; and
- In good health and medically fit to attend the course.

## Terms of Award

The programme is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants (thereafter known as participants) during their training in Singapore. These expenses include:

- A daily training allowance of SGD120 from first day to the fourth day, and SGD60 on the last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. [Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course];
- Transportation to course venue and site visits;
- Medical insurance for participants to cover accident and hospitalisation during their stay in Singapore in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company; and

- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

### Note:

- (a) The nominating Government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares;
- (b) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that may be incurred prior to receiving the allowance; and
- (c) Any expenses for out-patient medical/dental treatment will be borne by the participants themselves.

## Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- (a) Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions;
- (b) Not bring any member of their family and/or aide for the duration of the course;
- (c) Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Government or the Government of Singapore with respect to the course;
- (d) Refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in-Singapore;
- (e) Discontinue the course, in the event that they (i) fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the training, or (ii) commit an improper act; and
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

## Application Procedures

(Closing date for nomination: **8 July 2019**)

The Government of Singapore and UNICEF are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate up to **one (1)** suitable candidate for consideration.

Selection of candidates for the limited number of training awards will be based on merit. The Government of Singapore and the UNICEF seek the understanding of the respective

National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event that their nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://scpcatalog.wixsite.com/scp2019/sustainable-wash-services> by **Monday, 8 July 2019**. All application forms must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.

- All application forms should be completed in full and submitted online. They must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance;
- Draft application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered;
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications;
- The system is hosted by a third party service provider. Please avoid providing input with sensitive or confidential information that should not be disclosed or made available online;
- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representations in the nominating country; and
- Flight arrangements are only to be made upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

## Information on Singapore

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