



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

20 August 2026

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – HQ26NF181
Technical Assistance Services for Food Fortification and Specialized Nutritious Foods to Address
Micronutrient Deficiencies in Latin America and the Caribbean

Closing on 20. September.2026 at 16:00 hrs (Rome, Italy Time)

A. Background

1. The United Nations World Food Programme hereinafter referred to as the “WFP”, with its Headquarters located in Via C.G. Viola, 68/70, 00148 Rome, Italy is the leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience by assisting almost 100 million people in around 83 countries each year. About 17,000 people work for the organization, most of them in remote areas, directly serving people in need.
2. The WFP Nutrition, School Meals and Social Protection Unit seeks to procure specialized technical assistance services for large-scale food fortification (LSFF) programmes in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region. The services will support government food control authorities in strengthening regulatory monitoring systems and LSFF evaluation frameworks to ensure that fortified foods comply with mandatory fortification standards and effectively contribute to reducing micronutrient deficiencies among vulnerable population groups. This technical assistance will contribute to the WFP-LACRO project aimed at strengthening the enforcement and evaluation systems of large-scale food fortification programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean and to generate evidence on LSFF effectiveness in LAC.
3. The technical assistance services will support the WFP-LACRO projects aimed at strengthening enforcement and evaluation systems for Large-Scale Food Fortification (LSFF) programs in Latin America and the Caribbean and to support developing culturally acceptable specialized nutritious foods that will help close nutrient gaps among nutritionally vulnerable groups. Four work streams are presented in work lots. The services per lot are expected to include :

3.1. Lot 1: Capacity Strengthening and Regulatory Monitoring Systems for Large-Scale Food Fortification (LSFF)

Objective: Strengthen the capacity of WFP Country Offices and government food control authorities to implement and sustain effective regulatory monitoring systems for LSFF programs.

Services include:

- Development and delivery of virtual training modules for WFP Country Office staff and national food control authorities on LSFF regulatory monitoring, compliance assessment, and program implementation.
- Technical support missions in the field to review, optimize, and strengthen regulatory monitoring systems for fortified foods.
- Organization of in-country technical meetings to validate key concepts and implementation approaches.
- Development of implementation plans and support for piloting optimized regulatory monitoring systems.
- Review and optimization of operational manuals, standard operating procedures (SOPs), inspection protocols, data collection instruments, and monitoring tools.
- Provision of in-country technical missions and remote advisory support.
- Documentation of implementation experiences, lessons learned, technical guidance, and evidence-based recommendations to support regional learning and scale-up.



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3.2. Lot 2: Laboratory Capacity Strengthening for LSFF Programs Monitoring

Objective: Strengthen laboratory systems and analytical capacity to support compliance monitoring and enforcement of food fortification standards.

Services include:

- Technical assistance to optimize fortified food sampling strategies.
- Strengthening laboratory systems for verifying compliance of fortified foods with mandatory fortification standards.
- Development, validation, and adaptation of innovative analytical methods, tools, and protocols for fortified food testing.
- Review and strengthening of laboratory quality assurance and quality control systems.
- Strengthening laboratory data management and reporting systems.
- Capacity development for laboratory personnel and national food control authorities.
- Documentation of laboratory strengthening experiences, lessons learned, and technical recommendations to support wider adoption and scale-up.

3.3. Lot 3: Development and Implementation of LSFF Evaluation Systems

Objective: Strengthen the capacity of WFP Country Offices and government counterparts to develop, implement, and institutionalize evaluation systems for LSFF programs using household consumption and expenditure survey (HCES) data and other relevant information sources.

Services include:

- Technical support to design, review, optimize, and institutionalize LSFF evaluation systems and analytical frameworks.
- Organization of in-country technical meetings and consultation meetings to validate methodologies, analytical approaches, and implementation plans.
- Development of implementation plans and support for piloting LSFF evaluation systems.
- Analysis of household consumption and expenditure surveys (HCES) and other available datasets to:
 - Estimate the coverage of fortifiable foods among different population groups.
 - Estimate average per capita consumption of fortifiable foods.
 - Assess consumption patterns among nutritionally vulnerable groups.
 - Estimate the potential contribution of fortified foods to micronutrient intake under different fortification scenarios.
- Development and optimization of analytical methods, tools, protocols, and guidance documents for conducting LSFF evaluations using nationally representative datasets.
- Review and optimization of standard operating procedures (SOPs), analytical workflows, reporting templates, and data management systems used for LSFF evaluations.
- Provision of in-country technical missions and remote advisory support to government agencies and WFP Country Offices.
- Documentation of pilot experiences, lessons learned, technical reports, and evidence-based recommendations to support the institutionalization and scale-up of LSFF evaluation systems within and across LAC countries.

3.4. Lot 4: Development of Culturally Pertinent Specialized Nutritious Foods to Close Micronutrient Intake Gaps

Objective: Provide technical expertise for the design, formulation, sensory acceptability assessment, and qualitative evaluation of the cultural appropriateness of specialized nutritious foods (SNFs) for vulnerable population groups in the Latin America and Caribbean region.



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Services include:

Development (directly or through third parties) and optimization of specialized nutritious food formulations to address micronutrient deficiencies and other nutritional vulnerabilities.

- Technical support for product development, reformulation, and nutrient profiling.
- Assessment of nutritional adequacy, safety, quality, sensory acceptability, and cultural appropriateness of specialized nutritious foods.
- Design and implementation of qualitative studies to assess consumer preferences, perceptions, acceptability, and cultural relevance of specialized nutritious foods among target population groups.
- Support for pilot testing and operational evaluation of products.
- Development of technical specifications, product standards, and quality assurance protocols.
- Guidance on the integration of specialized nutritious foods into social protection, school meals, humanitarian, and nutrition programs.
- Documentation of product development experiences, lessons learned, and evidence generation to inform policy and program decisions.

4. WFP invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in providing the requested services described above.

B. The purpose of this EOI

5. The purpose of this request for EOI is to identify suppliers with verified technical and financial capacity to deliver the required service described above. Eligible suppliers will be invited to participate in the bidding process for the proposed tender.
6. Eligibility to participate in the proposed tender will be assessed based on the applicant's demonstrated technical expertise and experience relevant to the lot(s) applied for, including successful implementation of similar assignments in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean. Consideration will also be given to the applicant's organizational and operational capacity, including the availability of qualified experts, ability to mobilize technical personnel, and capability to deliver high-quality services within agreed timelines. Applicants should demonstrate experience in capacity strengthening, stakeholder engagement, evidence generation, and knowledge management, as well as a proven track record of delivering comparable assignments. The ability to provide technical assistance and deliverables in English and Spanish will be required. Applicants may apply for one or more lots; however, eligibility for each lot will be assessed independently based on the applicant's demonstrated technical expertise, regional experience, organizational capacity, and availability of qualified personnel relevant to the specific lot(s).
7. After the deadline for submission of responses has passed, WFP will evaluate responses received and will notify eligible participants of the outcome of the evaluation.

C. How to prepare and submit your Expression of Interest

8. In order to participate in the pre-qualification exercise, companies are required to provide the following:
The filled in EOI Response Form, which includes:
 - Table 1. WFP Requirements
 - Table 2. Supplier Information;
 - Table 3. Supplier Financial Status;
 - Table 4. Supplier Relevant Experience;
 - Signatory by the authorized company representative and company stamp.
9. All supporting documentation listed above shall be prepared in accordance with the instructions provided and sent by email to hq.tenders@wfp.org.
10. WFP will not consider incomplete or unsigned submissions. All responses and supporting documentation received will be treated as strictly confidential and will not be made available to the public.
11. This request for EOI does not constitute a solicitation. WFP reserves the right to change or cancel this procurement process or any of its requirements at any time during the process; any such action will be communicated to all participants.



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12. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at hq.tenders@wfp.org.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by:

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EOI RESPONSE FORM

TABLE I. WFP REQUIREMENTS

A. Company / Organization's competencies/ capacities			
	List of WFP requirements/evaluation criteria	Yes	Required Supporting Documents
1	At least 10+ years of experience providing technical assistance in nutrition, large-scale food fortification, public health, or related fields in low- and middle-income countries.	☐	- Company profile and institutional history 1-2 examples of relevant projects completed during the last 10 years demonstrating experience in relevant fields.
2	Demonstrated experience conducting applied research, implementation research, and program evaluations to inform policy and programmatic decision-making.	☐	- Examples of 1-2 Peer-reviewed publications. - Example of 1 Policy brief.
3	Demonstrated experience in Latin America and the Caribbean, with preference given to academic institutions with established regional experience and presence.	☐	- Example of at least 1 assignment conducted in a LAC country - Description of regional networks, partnerships, or collaborations in LAC
4	Excellent written and spoken Spanish and English, with demonstrated ability to produce high-quality technical reports.	☐	1 example of a technical reports in Spanish and English
5	Availability of a multidisciplinary team with expertise relevant to the specific work lot.	☐	- Organizational chart - CVs of proposed experts and key personnel Staff roster indicating areas of expertise and language proficiency



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TABLE II. SUPPLIER INFORMATION

B. Company / Organization's Background Information			
1	Legal Name of Company/Organization: (Full legal name of the company to be contracted with WFP, if awarded)		
2	Full address:		
3	E-mail address:		
4	Website address:		
4	Telephone:	Fax:	
5	Contact person, title: (to be contacted for Coupa registration and tender invitation)	Tel./E-mail of contact person: (to be contacted for Coupa registration and tender invitation)	
6	Registration with UNGM	Yes ☐ No ☐	UNGGM No.
7	Type of Business	☐ Corporate/ Limited ☐ Partnership ☐ Other (specify):	
8	Goods / Services:		
9	Company/Organization Business Registration Number:	Date of Registration: (Mandatory) Please submit certificate of incorporation/registration (at least 3 years)	
10	Additional company/organization background information: max 1 page		



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TABLE III. SUPPLIER FINANCIAL STATUS

C. Company / Organization's Financial Status	
Item	Value USD
Gross Turnover 2025	
Gross Turnover 2024	
Gross Turnover 2023	
<i>Maximum contract value in relation to which your Company can be engaged:</i>	
USD 0 – 30,000	☐
USD 30,000 – 100,000	☐
USD 100,000 – 500,000	☐
above USD 500,000	☐
Maximum "Bank Guarantee" amount available to the Company/Organization	
Last two years audited accounts or alternative assessed within WFP's discretion are attached to prove the information stated above	

TABLE IV. SUPPLIER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

List at least 4 contracts in the last two years relevant to the provision of the required service.

D. Company / Organization's Relevant Experience				
Commenced (Month / Year)	Completed (Month / Year)	Type of Contract	Total Value (USD)	Client

Provide CVs of senior staff (no more than three)

TABLE V. SIGNATORY & ORGANIZATION STAMP

E. Signatory	
Name of Company/Organization:	
Name of the authorized representative:	Signature:
Title:	Date:
Email:	