



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### CONSULTANCY FOR WASH<sup>1</sup> RECOVERY ASSESSMENT

#### after Typhoon Yagi in Lao Cai and Yen Bai provinces

##### 1. BACKGROUND

**Oxfam** is a global movement of people who are fighting inequality to end poverty and injustice. Oxfam confederation currently has 21 member organizations working in 79 countries. We share a vision of a just and sustainable world. A world where people and the planet are at the center of our economy. Where women and girls live free from violence and discrimination. Where the climate crisis is contained. And where governance systems are inclusive and allow for those in power to be held to account.

**Oxfam in Vietnam** believes that a reduction in poverty, injustice, and inequality will occur through the interaction between active citizens, accountable states and responsible private sector, and that it is fundamental to Vietnam's development. Oxfam in Vietnam contributes to a shift from the current growth-based development model to a Human Economy that cares about People and the Planet.

All our work is led by our core [values](#): Empowerment, Accountability, Inclusiveness, Courage, Solidarity and Equality.

On 7 September 2024, super typhoon Yagi struck Viet Nam as the strongest storm in the region in decades. The powerful storm also resulted in accumulated heavy rains, affecting millions of women, men, and children across 26 Northern provinces with large-scale flooding, devastating landslides, and critical flash floods<sup>2</sup>. These events appear to be increasing in number and severity adding complexities to climate vulnerability and overwhelming local capacities to respond. Lao Cai and Yen Bai provinces are among the hardest hit provinces and declared a state of emergency due to natural disaster on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development appealed to the international community to support relief and recovery efforts, with UN agencies, national and international NGOs. Oxfam was contacted on 9th September for emergency assistance as the situation exceeded national response capacity.

Oxfam's response is implemented with local partners – the provincial chapters of the Red Cross in Yen Bai and Lao Cai provinces to effectively respond to unmet humanitarian needs and gaps that are excluded in the government's immediate assistance packages. Partners will be responsible for implementation of activities with Oxfam providing coordination (within the project and with external actors including government and other international organisations), technical support and contract management including reporting and compliance. This is consistent with Oxfam's global approach to localisation in both humanitarian and development programs. Oxfam in Vietnam has established **humanitarian partnership with the provincial Red Cross in Yen Bai and Lao Cai provinces**, plus an in-house Emergency Response team that covers a wide range of expertise across humanitarian areas (WASH, Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods - EFSL, Gender and protection).

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<sup>1</sup> Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

<sup>2</sup> Reports from Vietnam Dykes and Disaster Management Authority (VDDMA) for damages and casualties: <https://phongchongthientai.mard.gov.vn/Pages/bao-cao-nhanh-cong-tac-truc-ban-pctt-ngay-14-9-2024.aspx>

The intervention will focus on three key areas - **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods (EFSL); and Gender and Protection** with two phases. Phase one (3 months) will focus on immediate relief; and Phase two will focus on long term recovery (12 months after the event).

**Oxfam is recruiting one team of consultants** to work with the project partners and produce 01 in-depth water quality assessment and response planning for the project in Lao Cai and Yen Bai provinces.

## **2. PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENT**

To conduct a field water quality assessment, and WASH related issues in order to get in-depth information about recovery needs of the affected communities and identify the most appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) recovery interventions following participatory methodologies and multi-level/holistic approach.

## **3. EXPECTED OUTPUT**

Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene of the affected communities in Lao Cai and Yen Bai provinces were severely affected by typhoon Yagi. An in-depth water quality assessment and WASH recovery planning is necessary in order to get detailed information to take further actions for agreeing WASH recovery strategy and designing appropriate interventions.

The consultant team will conduct a water quality testing and assessment of WASH recovery needs in the field and produce two province-specific detailed WASH assessment reports for developing WASH recovery interventions adaptive to local context in Lao Cai province, and Yen Bai province.

## **4. SCOPE OF WORK**

### **a. Specific tasks**

- The consultant team is required to develop the proposal according to the TOR
- Design specific methodology, framework and techniques water quality assessment and WASH related issues
- Provide training for assessment team
- Provide coaching the assessment team to collect information and data analysis.
- Validations of preliminary findings and report writing
- To be responsible for final results.
- The consultant team is responsible for quality control throughout the assessment process.

### **b. Assessment site(s):**

The field assessment will take place in 9 selected communes in 4 targeted districts of Lao Cai province (Bac Ha and Bao Yen district) and Yen Bai province (Tran Yen district and Yen Bai city).

Besides, the consultant will work with Oxfam's humanitarian team, and provincial Red Cross project teams to understand the project's interventions and workplan, and how the water quality assessment contributes to the project's objectives.

## **5. DELIVERABLES:**

A detailed, **in-depth assessment report on water quality and WASH related issues** specifically for Lao Cai province and Yen Bai province will be delivered by the consultant team covering the key areas of:

- 5.1 Analysis of the changing context of typhoon since the last Oxfam assessment and planning
  - Assess in depth the damage to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in targeted communes and districts in Lao Cai and Yen Bai provinces and how they have coped with it (including testing of at least 3 water samples in each targeted communes);

- Assess the assistance already provided and planned by the government and other stakeholders in WASH sector, and the impact of such assistance.
- Assess the needs and gaps by the poor, near-poor affected farmers in WASH recovery efforts.
- Analysis of market situation for feasible cash-based interventions.

#### 5.2 WASH recovery intervention planning:

- Verify and/or adjust, if necessary, the interventions identified in the project proposal in accordance with above analysis and people’s needs.
- Analyze cost-benefit of possible interventions
- Design appropriate interventions to meet the identified needs, with specific data and processes in a gender responsive manner (what activity, where, when, who, how much).
- Risk identification and risk mitigation measures.

All information in the assessment report needs to incorporate consent, cultural appropriate, and responsive to gender-specific needs and disability inclusion. Oxfam owns the copyright and has editorial control over the content, data, and report produced.

## 6. TIMELINE

TASK	TIME
Work with Oxfam’s teams	W4 Feb, 2025
Develop a workplan, and a detailed field WASH assessment plan	W4 Feb, 2025
Conducting assessment at the grassroots level (9 communes in 4 districts), meeting local stakeholders, and communities.	Mar, 2025
Compilation of field information and report writing	March 2025
Submission of final reports in English and in Vietnamese (one report for Lao Cai, one for Yen Bai)	W1 April 2025

## 7. CONSULTANT QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

- Proven track record in agriculture, natural resources management, particularly in conducting water quality testing and WASH needs assessment in the aftermath of natural disasters.
- Demonstrated ability to apply participatory approaches to analyze WASH recovery needs and gaps, coping strategies to mitigate the impact of disasters and shock, to enhance their access to safe drinking water, low-cost household water treatment measures, safe sanitation and hygiene practices or to restore their access to WASH essential assets.
- Proven ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Capacity to establish rapport within community contexts and work collaboratively with project leaders, beneficiaries, and related stakeholders.
- Consultants must follow Oxfam’s Safeguarding policy and other policies required for them.

**How to Apply:** The Proposal and documents [could be written in English or Vietnamese](#) and should submit by email to [HR.Vietnam@oxfam.org](mailto:HR.Vietnam@oxfam.org) with the subject entitled: **“YAGI WASH Assessment\_NAME”**

**The closing date for application: 25 Feb, 2025**

**We regret that only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.**

**Our commitment to safeguarding**

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