

**South Sudan Health Cluster**  
**Inter-cluster Coordinator**  
**Terms of Reference**

## Background

Effective inter-sectoral coordination is widely recognized as an essential part of any emergency response that is accountable to the affected population by meeting their complex, inter-related vulnerabilities and needs. Yet, despite system-wide efforts to design and deliver coherent multi-sectoral programs by mainstreaming improvements in the Humanitarian Program Cycle process, the ability to implement multi-sectoral action remains challenging due to various structural, technical and operational factors. Whilst applicable to all-hazards, this gap has been most evident in preparedness and response to cholera and Ebola outbreaks and famine prevention and response.

Efforts to strengthen inter-sectoral collaboration between Health; Nutrition; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Food Security and Protection clusters continued to evolve at global level during 2020, 2021 and 2022 as well as newer collaborations with Shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) clusters arising specifically from COVID19.

In June 2022, the four global clusters issued a joint statement calling for “urgent and coordinated action” to step up; agree on priority contexts; identify the most vulnerable and key interventions; provide life-saving assistance and invest in durable solutions.

To reinforce this inter-sectoral collaboration at country level, the South Sudan Health Cluster secured funding from United States Agency for International Development’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). The funding will enable the Health Cluster to deliver the global commitment and lead the development and implementation of a multi-sectoral response plan. To achieve this goal, the Health Cluster is recruiting an inter-cluster coordinator who will be responsible for leading the development, coordination, and monitoring of the multisectoral response on behalf of the Health Cluster.

## Roles and Responsibilities

Under the guidance and supervision of the Health Cluster Coordinator, the inter-cluster coordinator is responsible for regular engagement with Food Security, Nutrition and WASH clusters; Global Health Cluster; OCHA; donors and Ministry of Health to develop, coordinate and monitor an evidence-based and impact-oriented multi-sectoral response plan as follows:

1. Develop, organize, and chair cross-sectoral coordination platforms for effective coordination and technical discussion of multi-sectoral response. Ensure the membership and active participation of relevant clusters, notably Food Security, Nutrition, Protection and WASH in these cross-sectoral coordination meetings.
2. Establish and maintain regular contacts with the Food Security, Nutrition, Protection and WASH Clusters at national and sub-national levels to collect, review, and incorporate their inputs for the development of multi-sectoral response priorities.

3. Lead the development, review, and finalization of the Health Cluster multi-sectoral response plan in close coordination with and inputs of the Food Security, Nutrition, Protection and WASH Clusters.
4. Lead the development of a monitoring plan with measurable indicators for tracking progress of inputs; process of implementation; outputs and outcomes of multisectoral response plan.
5. In line with the monitoring plan, develop monitoring tools such as checklists, client satisfaction survey tools and qualitative survey questionnaires to assess performance of the multi-sectoral response interventions and the satisfaction level of the communities at different levels.
6. Identify any technical and operational challenges that could impede successful implementation of the multi-sectoral response and provide regular guidance and support for addressing these issues in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
7. Represent the Health Cluster in the planning and prioritization meetings of other clusters ensuring the health priorities are well captured.
8. Contribute to the development of Humanitarian Response Plan and other emergency-specific response plans and promote inter-cluster collaboration and multi-sectoral approach.
9. Contribute to the development of strategic documents and policy briefs relevant to Health Cluster's general work and to specific inter-cluster collaboration themes at country level.
10. Provide the relevant departments of Ministry of Health and Health Cluster members with expert advice, guidance, and support to incorporate health specific cross-cutting commitments such as Gender-based Violence (GBV), inclusion of people with special needs, using people-centered approaches, cash programming and localization of response into the inter-sectoral coordination work at country level.
11. Provide members of the Health Cluster and other clusters with expert input in support of capacity building training focusing on joint programming, joint implementation, joint advocacy, joint monitoring, and inclusion of health specific cross-cutting commitments in the Humanitarian Program Cycle.
12. Coordinate the documentation of case studies on inter-cluster collaboration in South Sudan in close collaboration with the Communication and Monitoring departments and with the support of Global Health Cluster.