



**SOCIAL SCIENCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: SAMPLE APPLICATION**

*This form is an example for applicants in how to complete a good quality application for Technical Assistance.*

**1. Please state your name**

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**2. Please state your role and organisation**

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**3. Please state your email address**

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**4. Please state the country / region in which the technical assistance should be provided**

Siroto

**5. For which thematic area(s) do you require assistance? \***

* **Research priorities**
* **Research protocols**
* Data analysis
* Quality assurance

**6. Please provide details regarding the type / context of public health crisis \***

* COVID-19
* Ebola
* **Cholera**
* Other

**7. What phase(s) of an emergency does it respond to? \***

* **Response**
* Recovery
* Preparedness

**8. Please refer to the Guidance Note about the themes of the support available and the Sample Application before answering this question. According to your chosen theme, please give a clear explanation of the support you need, and how you would like it delivered**

*We provide rapid response services for a recent cholera outbreak in Siroto. Our approach involves cordoning off the house and the surrounding houses of an infected individual and spraying the houses with chlorine. The sanitation team then provides a one-month supply of oral rehydration salts, water chlorination tablets, soap, a jerrycan and a bucket with a tap to each household. Recent reports suggest low usage of water chlorination tablets, especially amongst mothers. We have tried multiple strategies to change this, but none have been successful.*

*There are gaps in the data we currently collect to explain why mothers don't use these tablets and to suggest appropriate ways of encouraging uptake.*

*We would like support under two themes, research priorities and research protocol. We need help with: 1) identifying what information we need to collect to fill these gaps, and 2) understanding how to best generate this information, possibly using some of our existing monitoring tools*.

*ACTRelief colleagues, members of the WASH and Health Promotion department at the Ministry of Health and other implementing partners working in the area would like to convene a two-day workshop to fill these knowledge gaps. We would like the knowledge and skills learned to also apply to other areas of our programming.*

**9. Please briefly explain the expected impact of the assistance and who will benefit from it?**

*The rapid response team, including management and the sanitation team members will gain knowledge and skills around using socio-behavioural evidence. If other members of the national RCCE working group are able to attend the workshop, then government actors providing WASH and Health Promotion services in the area and other partners involved in the cholera response will also gain knowledge and skills in this area. This will also help advocate for the wider use of this type of evidence. If we are able to better understand communities, and make appropriate programmatic changes, then cholera rates should decrease in the area. This will benefit government, organisations and communities alike.*

**10. Is your organisation/institution connected to a national or sub-national level working group related to community engagement and communication activities?**

* **Yes**
* No
* I don't know

**10b. If yes, please specify**

Siroto National Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Working Group

**11. Is your organisation/institution connected to a regional level working group related to community engagement and communication activities?**

* Yes
* **No**
* I don't know

**12. Do you request this technical assistance: \***

* **For your own organisation**
* **For the national RCCE Working Group**
* For the regional RCCE working group
* For the sub-national RCCE working group
* For another coordination platform / working group (please specify below)
* For a group of national responders (please specify below)
* **Other (please specify below)**

**12b. Please specify**

ACTRelief Regional Technical Advisor would also like to attend the workshop

**13. When do you need this type of technical assistance to start by? Please be realistic**

5 July 2022

**14. When do you need this type of technical assistance to end by? Please be realistic**

30 July 2022

**15. Please provide the name of a second focal point for this assistance.**

Andorra Rae

**16. Please provide the role and organisation of the second focal point**

Health Promotion, Ministry of Health

**17. Does the technical assistance have costs associated with it?**

* **Yes**
* No
* I don't know

**17b. If yes, do you have the budget available to cover these costs?**

* **Yes**
* No
* I don't know