Practical Action is an innovative international organization putting ingenious ideas to work so people in poverty can change their world. Unusually, we are a group of interconnected specialist organizations that work together toward our shared vision of a world that works better for everyone. In Kenya, Practical Action works in nine counties. In recent years, we have focused on four inter-related sectors and, importantly, on the nexus between them. These include access to renewable energy, agriculture and food security, urban water, sanitation, hygiene & waste management and disaster risk reduction.

Our change ambition on water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH) centres on working with vulnerable groups, the poor and the marginalized to improve access to safe, affordable and equitable water, sanitation and hygiene services, reducing the number of people practicing open defecation and the occurrence of waterborne diseases. Specifically, our innovative and inclusive faecal sludge management practices have improved safe disposal of human waste and opportunities for resource recovery along the sanitation value chain.
Through our *Systems Strengthening Approach* we have been able to design innovative solutions that remedy underlying causes of fundamental weaknesses amongst mandated institutions and service providers. The current service provision systems are characterized by low revenues flows, unaffordable WASH and waste management technology options and services, poor sector governance and accountability, leading to inaccessibility and poor service delivery. Vulnerable women and children are left behind leading to limited participation in decision making and management of WASH facilities and services. Low income communities resort to unsafe and unhygienic alternatives such as open defecation, polluting the environment and spreading water and sanitation related diseases and ailments. Poor women and girls are at a greater risk from such unsafe and hygienic sanitation practices.

Over the last five years, Practical Action, Umande Trust and Kisumu Urban Apostolate Programme (KUAP) have been implementing a WASH project in three low income settlements in Kisumu City, namely: Nyalenda ‘A’, Nyalenda ‘B’ and Obunga entitled: *Kisumu City Partnership for Improved Sanitation in Informal Settlements (KisumuSan)*. The project was designed to trigger the delivery of safer, healthier and better futures and enhance the voice of marginalized slum-dwellers in Obunga and Nyalenda ‘A’ & ‘B’ informal settlements, reaching a total of 69,200 men, women and children in the project locations. The main project outcomes are:

i. Greater engagement of Obunga and Nyalenda informal settlement residents (both women and men) through the Neighbourhood Planning Association (NPAs)/ Residents Association (RAs) with the County Government of Kisumu on WASH issues.

ii. The demand from residents of Obunga and Nyalenda for sanitation increases & hygiene practices improve.

iii. Residents in Obunga & Nyalenda gain improved supply & coverage of appropriate & affordable water & sanitation facilities and services.

iv. Informal workers (in pit-emptying & latrine construction) increase incomes sustainably while policies & regulations become more favourable to them.

v. Umande Trust and KUAP and their leaders are more effective in delivering on their missions and strategic goals.

One of the core pillars in KisumuSan’s implementation strategy is *Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) adapted to the urban context*. This is an innovative methodology for mobilizing communities to completely eliminate open defecation (OD). Through this process, communities are facilitated to conduct their own appraisals and analyses on OD and take action to become Open Defecation Free (ODF). In urban areas, however, OD goes beyond direct open defecation into the environment and includes all forms of unsafe disposal of faecal sludge into residential neighbourhoods, drainage systems and water bodies. Similarly, it also goes beyond elimination of OD only into total environmental sanitation and hygiene compliance.

Practical Action is, therefore, looking for seasoned public health and development professionals with hands on experience in CLTS adapted to urban contexts, to undertake assessments, documentation and ODF certification of the three low income settlements in Nyalenda ‘A’ & ‘B’ and Obunga in Kisumu City, Kisumu County.

More specifically, and working in close collaboration with key stakeholders, the consult(s) will:

i. Review the project’s CLTS implementation strategies and approaches vis-à-vis any other best practices and make recommendations for improvement,
ii. Assess progress of CLTS processes in all the 15 administrative units in the three project locations,

iii. Verify the extent to which the 15 administrative units in the three settlements have attained ODF statuses and/or total sanitation or otherwise, using available monitoring tools,

iv. Analyze and document challenges and suggested solutions for attainment of ODF/total sanitation in low income urban settlements in Kenya,

v. Document innovations and lessons learnt in the course of CLTS implementation in the urban context in Kisumu City, and;

vi. Make proven and evidence-based recommendations for CLTS implementation in low income urban areas to the relevant County and National government departments in Kenya.

Professional Qualification and Experience.

Practical Action is looking for a multi-skilled professional consult(s) with the following training background and experience.

i. Minimum degree/master level training in Public Health, Environmental Sanitation, international development or any other related field,

ii. Demonstrated expertise in sanitation and hygiene with specific focus on Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approaches/methodologies adopted to urban environments,

iii. Third Party ODF Certification Registration,

iv. Experience in conduction participatory quantitative and qualitative assessments and studies,

v. Expertise and over 10 years’ experience in CLTS verification and certification processes in low income urban environments,

vi. In depth understanding of WASH in urban development with specific interest in Low Income Areas (LIAs)/informal settlements,

vii. Demonstrated technical understanding of low cost sanitation technologies, hygiene behaviour change communication (BCC), faecal sludge management and resource recovery along sanitation value chains, and;

viii. Knowledge of local or any of the national languages in Kenya.

Expected Outputs

i. Unit/village sanitation status/progress report with specific recommendations for improvement as provided for in the certification guidelines.

ii. An ODF certification report for all the villages/settlements/units as provided in the guidelines.

Expression of interest and application procedure

Qualified, experienced and interested consult (s) are requested to submit the following to the email address below:

i. Letter of interest for the assignment.

ii. Technical proposal demonstrating clear understanding and interpretation of the terms of reference, including but not limited to:

   a. Consultant(s) profiles and Curriculum Vitae (CV).
b. Evidence of compliance with all statutory requirements (such as KRA compliance, certificates of incorporation and registration with professional bodies (if applicable).
c. Concise description of assessment and certification methodology.
d. Proposed data management plan (data collection, analysis, interpretation and reporting)
e. Detailed work plan.

iii. Financial proposal in Kenya Shillings with detailed breakdown.

Interested consultant(s) are invited to submit the applications/proposals to recruitment@practicalaction.or.ke with subject line “TORs for assessment, documentation and Open Defecation Free Certification of three low income settlements in Kisumu City” so as to reach Practical Action on or before 21st September, 2020.