

## Call for applications – Child development, Environmental Cleanliness and sanitation and hygiene

### *Objectives*

The Sanitation Learning Hub at the Institute of Development Studies is seeking to commission a desk-based study exploring the interlinkages between environmental cleanliness, sanitation, and hygiene practices for improved child development outcomes. This will require a review of existing academic and grey literature and guidance documents and programming around sanitation and hygiene, environmental cleanliness and child development including BabyWASH, nutrition and more emerging academic disciplines like One Health. This study seeks to understand the role of sanitation and hygiene and environmental cleanliness in improving child development outcomes; identify barriers and gaps in knowledge towards achieving these outcomes; and understand how programmes can be adapted to address the complexity of these challenges.

This scoping study will answer the following questions:

- What evidence currently exists linking child development, environmental cleanliness and sanitation and hygiene?
- What examples are there of sanitation and hygiene programmes that are engaging with environmental cleanliness and child development considerations?
  - How do programmes engage across these considerations?
  - What is the evidence of their success?
  - What are good case studies of holistic interdisciplinary efforts?
- What are the ongoing challenges and gaps?
  - What are the main gaps in knowledge and understanding around how to address child development through improved environmental cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene?
  - What are common practices and lessons from the literature across the various academic disciplines?
- What are the recommendations for the sanitation and hygiene sector to better address child development through improved environmental cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene? How can they be operationalised?

### *Deliverables*

- An inception report outlining draft methodology for the review

- A Frontiers of Sanitation (approx.. 6,000-8,000 words in length)
- An online dissemination event

### *Anticipated timeline:*

- Call open: 10 June
- Call closed: 02 July
- Interview week: 12 July
- Submission of inception report: 31 July
- Final Draft: 31 August
- Dissemination event/workshop: End September

### *Application*

To be successful you will need:

- Extensive experience of undertaking research in WASH and/or nutrition
- Experience of working on cross-cutting topics
- Knowledge around the links between sanitation, nutrition and childhood development

The Hub is offering up-to 25 days for this review. The call is open to individuals or small teams of experts. Applicants should send an expression of interest along with their CV to [slh@IDS.ac.uk](mailto:slh@IDS.ac.uk). Expression of interest should include an outline proposal (up to 6 pages), an indicative work plan, budget and CVs. The deadline for proposals is 02 July, 2021.