

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION:	UN-HABITAT
DUTY STATION:	Nairobi/Kenya, with possible travel to Mogadishu/Somalia
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Architect
DURATION:	4 working months spread over 5 months
CLOSING DATE:	26 August 2014

BACKGROUND

UN-Habitat is implementing in cooperation with Cooperazione E Sviluppo Onlus (CESVI) and Human Relief Foundation (HRF) the EU funded project “Sustainable Employment Creation and Improved Livelihoods for Vulnerable Urban Communities in Mogadishu” (SECIL).

Under the overall objective of providing an enabling environment for investment and public-private partnership and for improving livelihoods, the project supports the design and implementation of activities that stimulate enterprise development and increase access to basic services, with a particular focus on creating opportunities for growth and greater employment absorption in private enterprises; establishing sustainable jobs, and increasing employment options for the urban labour pool through technical and vocational skills training.

Towards these goals, the project targets specific needs and opportunities in five strategic areas of the urban economy, namely: i. economic infrastructure; ii. solid waste management (SWM); iii. construction; iv. water and sanitation; and v. renewable energy and environmental protection.

The project employs a participatory planning approach to ensure direct involvement by local stakeholders at all stages of activities. For example, the interventions involve the Benadir Regional Administration, district authorities and local communities in identifying, prioritizing, planning, implementing and monitoring strategic investments in economic infrastructure, basic services and other project activities. Furthermore, the project provides training to local government staff, local leaders and community groups to capacitate them in the development, management and oversight of public-private partnerships (PPPs).

The present consultancy assignment contributes to the projects support to the construction sector, by developing training materials.

Project Context

In Somalia, the long-standing unstable country context has had widespread adverse social and economic effects. As a result of the conflict, as well as of recurring environmental shocks, large sections of the population have experienced long term displacement. In each region of Somalia, there are huge deficits in basic infrastructure and in the provision of essential services. Since the collapse of the state in 1991, the private sector and civil society, including local non-governmental organizations (LNGOs) and community based organizations (CBOs), have become important providers of social services.

Urban populations in Somalia largely rely on an informal economy based on trade, the hospitality sector, transport, utilities (energy and water), communications and construction. Subsistence, petty trading, and micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) are the sources of employment and income for the majority of city dwellers. Nevertheless, the role of large businesses is significant. Since the onset of the conflict, there has been limited investment in the productive sectors; basic social services have deteriorated or disappeared altogether, and governance, rule of law, and public oversight have been largely absent. The business environment has been severely constrained by poor economic and public infrastructure, a low-skilled labour pool, limited access to credit, absence of regulatory frameworks, and limited access to education at all

levels. Livelihoods are fragile and highly vulnerable to shocks. Economic conditions are further aggravated by political and economic setbacks, including foreign bans on imports of Somalia livestock, as well as currency fluctuations of the Somali shilling, and the disruption of local markets.

Local communities – particularly youth, women, IDPs and other marginalized groups - have little opportunity to participate in processes that influence decision making and opportunities to enhance livelihood opportunities, through business, technical and vocational skills training, is limited.

It is estimated that between 30% and 66% of Somalia's estimated 9.5m population is unemployed, and the greatest portion of those are under the age of 25.

One consequence of this high rate of unemployment is widespread poverty: it is thought that over 73% of the population have an income of less than \$2 per day, while 43% live in extreme poverty, on less than \$1 per day. It is believed that, to the higher levels and prolonged duration of conflict, poverty is more extreme in South Central Somalia than in its northern regions., Due to poverty and the lack of job opportunities, labour migration (both to urban areas as well as abroad) is one of the main livelihood strategies, as is enrolment in non-state militias.

In times of stability, the population of Mogadishu grew at an average of 10% per year, from 125,000 in 1970 to over 1 million in 1990. The war-ravaged city is currently inhabited by an estimated 1.5 million people. There have been considerable variations in the city's population, due to large-scale IDP movements in response to periods of intensified armed conflict, and alternating spells of (relative) tranquillity. If peace and stability gain momentum, the population could rapidly rise to over 2 million, due to the likely return of Somalis from all parts of country (and indeed, from far beyond its borders) to its political and economic capital.

The project includes several construction and rehabilitation projects as markets, a handicraft centre, public space upgrading, stalls for briquette production etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will be responsible for the following outputs:

- Conceptual designs for all construction/ rehabilitation projects of the SECIL project, including 3D visualization of the proposed building and its direct environment
- Bill of Quantities and cost estimates rehabilitation and construction projects
- Reviewed tender documents and construction quality from progress reports
- Drawings of structural and design changes during construction process
- Supervision of local engineers during tender and construction process
- Design drawings for Dayah Livestock Market
- Design for sludge site and preparation of tender documents
- Designs for public space improvements surrounding Sinay Market
- Participatory planning workshops for all SECIL rehabilitation works
- Proposals for the design of Briquette Production Facilities
- Tender documents for upgrade of urban space at Sinay Market
- Support and participation in training events for participatory planning process at Sinay Market
- Lessons learned from design, tender and construction process of rehabilitation projects
- Support of advertisement and implementation of scaling-up (follow-up projects)
- Support to other activities of the SECIL components (i) economic rehabilitation and (ii) construction

The following activities shall be conducted within the framework of the present assignment, under the supervision of UNHABITAT and in partnership with other consortium members. All activities shall be undertaken in close coordination with the SECIL project coordinator.

- Provide Technical supervision for SECIL Construction and Economic Infrastructure Rehabilitation projects in Mogadishu.

- Provide technical inputs and assistance on construction and rehabilitation issues to local authorities, communities and SECIL partners in the implementation of SECIL-funded construction and infrastructure rehabilitation projects in order to ensure synergies with existing Strategic Urban Development Plans
- Prepare conceptual designs for all new constructions, and the 3D visualization of the proposed buildings
- Coordinate the required inputs for technical drawings, specifications, Bill of Quantities and cost estimates for proposed rehabilitation and construction projects
- Advise and select appropriate building materials, with the aim of improving existing construction / material practice, and ensuring durability. Recommend maintenance routines, in this respect.
- Review tender processes, check construction quality from progress reports and provide guidance on works implementation
- Prepare drawings and plans for structural and design changes during construction process
- Progress and quality monitoring of on-going construction and rehabilitation projects funded under SECIL
- Give inputs to technical reporting Draft design options for Dayah Livestock Market and submit to BRA
- Design sludge site and prepare all tender documents and lead contractual process
- Assist in preparation of designs for public space improvements surrounding Sinay Market area
- Participatory planning workshops for all SECIL rehabilitation works
- Prepare technical drawings and documents for briquette production facilities
- Prepare tender documents of Sinnay public space upgrading
- Contribute to and participate to Sinnay public space upgrading training events and planning workshops
- Compile lessons learned from SECIL rehabilitation projects

COMPETENCIES (maximum of five)

Demonstrate integrity by modelling the UN's values and ethical standards. Promote the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UN-Habitat. Display cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

EDUCATION

Advanced university degree in architecture or civil engineering. A first level university degree in combination with relevant experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

WORK EXPERIENCE

A minimum of five years of experience in designing, planning and supervising construction projects. Proven experience in construction projects with the UN or other international agencies is desirable. Experience in post-conflict environments is desirable.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficiency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of Somali language is an advantage.

OTHER SKILLS

- Sound experience in construction and rehabilitation project if possible in a post conflict environment
- Strong drawing and design skills
- Knowledge of UN-HABITAT and its global mandate is an asset.
- Knowledge of basic computer programmes such as Microsoft Word, Excel spreadsheet, PowerPoint, e-mail and internet search functions.

REMUNERATION

Payments will be based on deliverables over the consultancy period. There are set remuneration rates for consultancies. The rate is determined by functions performed and experience of the consultant. The fees will be paid as per agreement.

Applications should include:

- Cover memo (maximum 1 page)
- Summary CV (maximum 2 pages), indicating the following information:
 1. Educational Background (incl. dates)
 2. Professional Experience (assignments, tasks, achievements, duration by years/ months)
 3. Other Experience and Expertise (e.g. Internships/ voluntary work, etc.)
 4. Expertise and preferences regarding location of potential assignments
 5. Expectations regarding remuneration

All applications should be submitted to:
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Please be advised that since April 15th 2010, applicants for consultancies must be part of the UN-HABITAT e-Roster in order for their application to be considered. You can reach the e-Roster through the following link: <http://e-roster.unhabitat.org>

Deadline for applications: 26 August 2014

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