

Vacancy Announcement (VA) No 2019 - 002

POSITION INFORMATION

Post Title:	Field Enumerator
Duty Station:	Colombo
Type of Contract:	Output Based LICA Equivalent Grade 4 (Issued by UNOPS on behalf of UN-Habitat)
Number of Positions:	Two
Contract Duration:	Three months with possibility of extension
Date of Advertisement:	23 rd Jan 2019
Date of Closing:	30 th Jan 2019

BACKGROUND AND ASSIGNMENT

1. ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) is the United Nations agency responsible for human settlements, mandated to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities, with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all; within the overall objective of the United Nations to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development. The details of the Habitat Agenda, Global Programmes and the Mandate are available in the global web site at www.unhabitat.org and the Sri Lankan web site at www.unhabitat.lk.

UN-Habitat operations in Asia include activities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka, under supervision of the Regional Office for Asia and Pacific in Fukuoka Japan.

Since its inception in 1978, UN-Habitat has been closely working with the Government of Sri Lanka and implemented projects and programmes under the themes of, (a) Environment and climate change; (b) Post-disaster recovery and reconstruction; (c) Land and housing; (e) Disaster Risk Management; (f) Urban planning and governance; (g) Pro-poor settlement upgrading; (h) Water and sanitation; (i) Community infrastructure; and (j) Social inclusion.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), is the United Nations agency responsible for sustainable urbanization and safer human settlements that contributes to the overall objective of the United Nations to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development.

In line with the agency's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan, UN-Habitat continues to meet the demand from member states in Asia and the Pacific to provide technical advisory services in seven focus areas:

- Urban legislation, land and governance,
- Urban planning and design,
- Urban economy,
- Urban basic services,

Housing and slum upgrading,
Risk reduction and rehabilitation, and
Research and capacity development.

2. THE PROJECT

UN-Habitat in Sri Lanka is focused on supporting governments in the formulation of policies and strategies to both create and strengthen a self-reliant management capacity at both national and local levels with the assessment of human settlement development constraints and opportunities, the identification and analysis of policy options, the mobilization of national resources and support for improving human settlements.

UN-Habitat is in this context undertaking to survey and develop a resettlement plan for those to be displaced by urban development. The Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation (MoT & CA), together with the Sri Lanka Railway (SLR), intends to improve the mainline in order to cater to the highly populated town centres and emerging towns east of Colombo, facilitating the traffic movement of the Greater Colombo Transport Development project area. The objectives of this project is to improve the capacity and operation speed of the railway network in the Colombo Metropolitan Region.

The *Main line* of the railway network is 291 km long and Rambukkana is 83 km away from Maradana. The section from Maradana to Ragama is having three tracks and the rest of the section up to Rambukkana is double track. The daily ridership is approximately 100,000 with majority of the suburban trains serving morning peak period, start from Veyangoda or from Rambukkana. Focusing at expected passenger volume by 2035 and the number of trains to be operated to carry that volume, it is indented to construct forth track in Maradana - Ragama section and third track in Ragama - Veyangoda section and rehabilitate the existing double track up to Rambukkana.

Families occupying land required for the expansion of the railway line will be affected. In this context, a socio-economic survey and a Resettlement Plan based on the survey developed together with the affected households is a necessary step.

3. FUNCTIONS /KEY RESULTS EXPECTED

The proposed socio-economic and resettlement studies will be conducted in socially sensitive area and Field Enumerators should be able to manage such type of environment in performing in their roles.

Specific Tasks:

- Daily visit during the survey period to the study implementing area (Main Line Railway from Maradana to Rambukkana)
- Understand the methodology recommended by Social Development Expert and field supervisors in collecting data (household questionnaire survey, survey with business institutions and other common institutions etc., and well as difference between project area and corridor of impact).
- Collect accurate data and complete the allocated data collection activities within the planned time frame.
- Review the questionnaires filled on mutual basis with other data collectors to ensure the accuracy of the data.
- Support the field supervisor to clarify any issues that emerge regarding the data. Follow the instruction of Social Development Expert and adhere to the instruction given by him time to time. Support the project team in production of necessary output reports, in timely manner.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences would be preferable.
Minimum successfully completed the secondary education and extensive professional training on socio-economic studies.

Work Experience:

Conducting social surveys, research and other consultancy studies as field data collector/research assistant in this nature. Experience gained from research institutions and other consultancy firms will be necessary. Fluent in Sinhala/Tamil with excellent interviewing and interpersonal skills.

With degree: Minimum of **2 years' work experience**

Without degree: Minimum of **5 years' work experience**

Language

Fluent in local languages of Sinhala and/or Tamil is required. Working knowledge of English is desired.

Other skills

Ability to work under pressure against deadlines and to work efficiently in a multi-national team. Good interpersonal skills and cross-cultural awareness. Ability to work with minimum supervision, with efficiency, competence and integrity. Computer literacy would be an added advantage.

REMUNERATION

Will be provided against assigned outputs.

How to Apply:

Sri Lankan Nationals meeting the essential requirements of the position are invited to apply by submitting the following documents to employment@unhabitat.lk

Letter of Interest which clearly indicates the Vacancy Announcement Number (i.e. VA No 2019-002).

Updated and Signed UN Personnel History Form P.11 (P11 is attached to this VA) and also available in <http://www.unon.org/docs/P11.doc>

And finally your email's subject should be Application for the Post of:
Field Enumerator (VA No 2019-002).

Failure to comply with the above requirements will result in rejection of the application.

Due to the large number of applications expected, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8).