

Vacancy Announcement (VA) No 2017 – 013 – Re Advertisement

POSITION INFORMATION	
Post Title:	Assistant Resettlement Planner
Duty Station:	Colombo
Type of Contract:	LICA Grade 5(Issued by UNOPS on behalf of UN-Habitat)
Number of Positions:	One
Contract Duration:	Six month with possibility of extension
Date of Advertisement:	20 th June 2017
Date of Closing:	28 th June 2017

BACKGROUND AND ASSIGNMENT
<p><u>1. ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

As UN-Habitat is the United Nations Programme working towards a better urban future, it is engaged in some projects focused on the urban sector.

One of these is the 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 Kelani Valley Railway line in order to cater to the highly populated town centres and emerging town centres east of Colombo and to facilitate traffic movement of the Greater Colombo Transport Development project area. The Kelani Valley line stretches 60km from Maradana to Avissawela. The first stage to be rehabilitated is from Maradana to Homagama, a distance of approximately 25 km. Families occupying land required for the expansion of the railway line will be affected. In this context, the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation has requested UN-Habitat to carry out a socio-economic survey and develop a Resettlement Plan that is developed together with the affected households. A team of experts will carry out this task in a comprehensive and participatory manner.

Another project, the *State of the Sri Lankan Cities* Report is one where UN-Habitat together with government, non-governmental and funding partners, is planning on the development and publishing of a together with the collection and collation of information, the development of composite maps and databases, and building capacity of the LA's to use this data, as UN-Habitat believes that as cities grow it's vital that policy makers and city leaders have access to reliable and verifiable information in terms of urban indicators to support decision-making. This project too will engage internal and external experts, both national and international to carry out this task.

3. FUNCTIONS /KEY RESULTS EXPECTED

Under the overall supervision of the Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat and the Project Manager – Urban Planning, and the relevant government Ministries, and based on the Socio-Economic survey outcomes, be responsible for preparing the **Resettlement Plan** which should include the following:

- To liaise between the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Sri Lanka Railway and UN-Habitat to ensure smooth implementation programmes to improve lives of plantation communities.

- To assist to project manager to collect and analysis of necessary data and information development plans, prevailing building regulations and guidelines suitable DRR and Climate change resilient features and measures for the project area and planning area.
- Provide inputs on environment improvement plans to create linkages to spatial planning in the corridor of railway line
- Provide support and Inputs to Social development expert and Resettlement Expert to plan their work programme.
- Perform the other tasks deemed appropriate and necessary by the Project Manager.

In addition, the Assistant Planner will also provide inputs to the data collection and analysis process of the State of Sri Lankan Cities project. S/he will be responsible for overseeing the analysis of spatial data team and being the contact person for the partners of the project.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Advanced university degree in, Town and Country Planning, Development Planning or Sociology or equivalent in Urban Planning, Sustainable Development OR related disciplines. A Master's Degree related to development planning or spatial planning-will be a distinct advantage.

Work Experience:

Minimum 03 years of experience in Minimum of three years post-qualification experience in related work. Demonstrated experience in engaging in similar projects. Experience in working in multi-disciplinary team will be advantageous.

Computer literacy (in Microsoft Windows environment) and skilled in its use for report writing and database development.

Experience within the UN system and familiarity with UN rules, regulations and procedures related to field level project implementation are advantageous.

Required Years of Work Experience

Minimum of 03 years work experience.

Language

English and French are the working languages for the UN Secretariat. Fluency in English and national language of the duty station required. Good writing skills in English required.

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. Writing skills and Computer literacy in MS Word and Excel are essential.

Remuneration

In compliance with UNOPS/UN-Habitat Policy.

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 2017-013).
- 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: Engineer VA No 2017-013)
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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).