

Vacancy Announcement (VA) No 2018 - 001

POSITION INFORMATION

Post Title:	Expert – Social Development (Urban)
Duty Station:	Colombo
Type of Contract:	LICA (Issued by UNOPS on behalf of UN-Habitat)
Number of Positions:	One
Contract Duration:	March to October 2018 (part-time and output based)
Date of Advertisement:	5 th February 2018
Date of Closing:	19 th February 2018

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.

UN-Habitat is in this context undertaking to survey for the Ministry to develop a resettlement plan for those to be displaced by this development. Families occupying land required for the expansion of the railway line will be affected. A socio-economic survey and a Resettlement Plan based on the survey developed together with the affected households is a necessary step for such development.

A team of experts is needed to carry out this task in a comprehensive and participatory manner.

3. FUNCTIONS /KEY RESULTS EXPECTED

Under the overall supervision of the Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat and the Project Manager – Urban Planning, the consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:

Based on the Socio- Economic survey outcomes, be responsible for preparing the Socio-Economic Survey which includes the following:

- Prepare the questionnaires for socio- economic survey, covering all the socio-economic aspects, in compliance with the governing national laws and regulatory framework, as well as ADB safety guidelines.
- Define/identify and enumerate the people and communities to be affected within ROW of the mainline railway line from Maradana to Rambukkana
- Carry out the 100% census survey based on the land survey done by Railway Department using a survey team. (Covering residential, commercial, institutional and other uses).
- Carry out a special survey to find out impact of planning corridor and inventory of assessment.
- Identify the project impact on the poor, elderly young and other vulnerable groups
- Carry out meaningful FGD's and KII

- Ensure inclusion of gender, environment, DRR and climate change aspects in the socio-Economic Survey.
- Based on the above, prepare the questionnaires, preliminary report, interim report and final report according to the required formats on the targeted dates.
- Be part of the core team in agreeing on Resettlement Plan.
- Attend all the progress meeting and other meeting as per the request of Project Manager and PMU of the Ministry.

Final outcomes:

- Inception Report with Methodology and detailed activities, and finalized questionnaire as per the Target.
- Submission of progress reports every two weeks
- Participation at monthly progress meetings with presentation of progress
- Data collected through a trained survey team and draft Survey Report for comments
- Finalized Survey Report as per the give time target
- Contribution to final Resettlement Plan as per the given targets.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Advanced university degree in Urban Planning, Sociology, Development Planning/ economics Sustainable Development OR related discipline.

Work Experience:

At least 10 years of experience in Resettlement planning, Socio-Economic surveys and participatory assessments, urban development or related field (iii) experience in dealing with government officials, international organizations at senior levels; (iv) fluent in English with excellent drafting skills; (v) 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 10 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.

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 in MS Word and Excel is 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 2018-001).
- 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 Expert – Social Development (Urban) VA No 2018–001)

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).