

Vacancy Announcement (VA) No 2021-01

I. POSITION INFORMATION

Post Title:	Engineer
Duty Stations:	Central and Uva Provinces of Sri Lanka
Type of Contract:	LICA Grade 7 (75% Attendance Contract, Issued by UNOPS on behalf of UN-Habitat)
Number of Positions:	One
Supervisor:	Deputy Project Manager
Contract Duration:	3 months with possible extension
Date of Advertisement	01 st July 2021
Date of Closing:	7 th July 2021

ORGANIZATIONAL 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.

UN Habitat operates in several provinces of Sri Lanka, namely; Central and Uva provinces in conducting several medium to large scale housing and infrastructure projects involving civil construction through community participatory process, in addition to emergency response projects.

This vacancy announcement aims to invite persons with specific qualifications, skills and, experience to implement a COVID-19 response project in plantation areas. UN-Habitat firmly believes that professional and highly competent staff are integral to the successful implementation of its project.

FUNCTIONS/KEY RESULTS EXPECTED

He / she will undertake providing engineering and site management inputs in the implementation of construction projects and be responsible for the site management, quality assurance, timely delivery, construction safety, ensuring administrative controls of the field staff, maintain good

relationships with stakeholders including beneficiary communities and neighborhoods and providing leadership to the field staff

In particular, he / she will undertake the following tasks under the direct supervision of Deputy Project Manager,

Duties assigned:

- Oversee the project activities and provide guidance and information in the preparation of technical designs, BoQ, technical specification, construction schedule to communities and CBOs;
- Supervise & guide Technical Officers, Assistant Engineers and Community Mobilization Assistant
- Review and approve design, BoQ, cost estimate, contract documents;
- Provide technical guidance to communities and CBOs on appropriate construction standards;
- Supervise the compliance of the project activities with the objectives and strategy of the project and ensure timely delivery of activities at the field level;
- Identify gaps in technical issues and recommend technically suitable rectifications;
- Develop training/ awareness plans for local government officers, CBOs, and communities in disaster resilience, green construction techniques, hygiene practices and maintenance of the project activities;
- Attending site progress/review meetings in a periodical with the project stakeholders;
- Liaise with agencies with similar mandate and advocate standard procedures
- Advise project team & communities on appropriate standards and location of required services and facilities;
- Supervise and monitor construction activities
- Monitor the flow of funds and utilization of the grants
- Prepare inputs to the required progress reports, project performance reports, and the project terminal report.

Undertake any additional tasks, which are deemed appropriate in carrying out the above, in assisting the Deputy Project Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Candidates shall have a Civil Engineering Degree or directly related field is preferred, from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission in Sri Lanka. Membership in a professional Engineering body will be advantageous

Work Experience

Work experience in emergency relief or post- disaster reconstruction in the public sector, local governments, non-governmental sector or international organisations. Applicants should have a strong commitment to the participatory processes, transfer of knowledge, willingness to work in a team and possess excellent coordination and communication skills.

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:

With a university degree, at least 6 years of work experience. Master's degree holders with no work experience can be considered.

Language

Local knowledge of areas assigned and knowledge in English and the local languages will be advantageous.

Competencies and Skills Required

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 including skills in Project Management Software/drafting software/ engineering design software will be advantageous.

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 2021-01).
- 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 2021-01.

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).