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Vacancy Announcement

Economics Advisor

Location :	East Jerusalem, PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES
Vacancy Type :	External Vacancy
Application Deadline :	26-Sep-07
Type of Contract :	ALD International
Post Level :	ALD-4
Languages Required :	English
Starting Date : (date when the selected candidate is expected to start)	15-Oct-2007
Duration of Initial Contract :	1 Year

Background

Since the late 1980s the oPt experienced a steady decline in human development and security. Principal obstacles to the advancement of human development are the occupation and imposed restrictions on the movement of people and goods within the occupied Palestinian territory, with a clear detrimental impact on the ability of the public and private sectors and civil society to pursue macro-economic reforms and poverty reduction strategies. Human security has further deteriorated with the growth of intra-Palestinian violence. The PA is currently preparing for the development of national plans, policy tools and priority interventions in the quest to resume the reform processes in the oPt, thereby boosting income, employment and reducing poverty.

UNDP/PAPP was established in 1978 and has a longstanding history, a strong presence and a diversified programme of interventions in the oPt. Globally, poverty reduction, equity and human security serve as unifying themes of UNDPs work, and in the oPt the need for pro-poor planning in the pursuit of human development and security is imperative. In the context of this, and the fact that UNDP/PAPP has initiated a strategy formulation process, which seeks to ensure that programmes and projects are more effectively targeted on needs and more strategic in character, UNDP/PAPP is establishing a Strategy and Advisory Team. The Economics Advisor would be placed within this Team and would under the matrix supervision with the DSR and SR play a key role in contributing to strategic planning, programming and advocacy for PAPP in the oPt.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the authority of the Special Representative, the direct supervision of the Deputy Special Representative (in matrix management arrangement), the Economics Advisor is responsible for research, development and application of socio-economic and pro-poor theories and principles and in translating these into strategies and solutions. The incumbent analyses economic trends and provides advisory services to the national authorities and stakeholders on development issues and policies as well as enhances the policy impact of UNDP programmes and projects. The incumbent supports the design of programmes and projects, the creation of strategic partnerships with the Palestinian Authority (PA) and other key development partners, by providing advice and options to the PA counterparts and facilitating knowledge building and management.



She/he advocates and promotes awareness of the UNDP/PAPP's mandate and vision for the oPt, especially in the field of pro-poor policies and the monitoring of the achievement of the MDGs as well as striving to attend the MDGs. The incumbent monitors economic policy developments and advises the Special Representative and the UNDP Team at large and its partners on policy and strategy issues. She/he contributes to UNDP's policy dialogue with the national authorities and other development partners. She/he supervises a Junior Professional Officer and provides guidance to a team of experts, programme and project staff.

Her/his specific functions include, *inter alia*:

Provides **policy advice on economic and social issues of concern to PAPP's strategic priority areas** focusing on achieving the following:

Provide high quality advisory inputs to UNDP programmes and projects and ensure these are responsive to national policies, priorities and strategic plans, with a special focus on a) compilation, analysis and interpretation of socio economic, political and statistical data; b) identification of areas for UNDP support and interventions; c) provision of advice on formulation and adjustments of UNDP programmes and projects.

Act as the focal person for M&E of programmes and projects and provide guidance on M&E functions, systems and tools.

Facilitates **knowledge building and mainstreaming of pro-poor programming within UNDP/PAPP** to achieve the following:

Ensure that programmatic issues related to pro-poor, economic and social policies are addressed and support the mainstreaming of pro-poor programming across the UNDP/PAPP programme portfolio.

Monitor socio-economic and political trends and developments in the oPt and engage pro-actively in policy dialogue with the PA, donors and CSOs.

Support MDG related advocacy, strategy development and action.

Support to monitoring progress and formulation of strategies towards the achievement of the MDGs.

Provide **high quality advisory inputs to UNDP programmes and projects and ensure these are responsive to national policies, priorities and strategic plans** with the following objectives:

Identify, document and disseminate comparative experiences and best practices to support the advancement of UNDP/PAPPs vision and mandate and support the identification of opportunities and entry points for UNDP engagement.

Lead UNDP's support to the development of the National Human Development Reports, National Poverty Reduction Report, National MDG Report and other flagship knowledge and think tank related initiatives and products.

Play a key role in positioning UNDP through strategic programme and project development, thus enabling UNDP/PAPP to effectively contribute to furthering the development agenda in the oPt.

Creation of strategic partnerships and support to resource mobilization focusing on achieving the following:

Play a key role in shaping UNDP's contributions to the national policy dialogue and enhance the policy impact of UNDP programmes and projects, with a specific focus on impact on the design of programmes, creation of strategic partnerships as well as reaching resource mobilization targets.

Contribute to UNDP/PAPP knowledge and practice networks. Liaise with all key national and international stakeholders—key domestic political and civic actors, civil society organizations, international NGOs, UN partners, donors.



Maintain close contact with relevant staff in UNDP Headquarters, in particular RBAS, BDP, BCPR and other HQ based units, as needed.

Competencies

Communication and Inter-Personal Skills:

Communicates effectively with staff at all levels of the UN, government officials and civil society, is outgoing and comfortable in handling external relations at all levels.

Demonstrates sensitivity, tact and diplomacy.

Is culturally sensitive and demonstrates appreciation for different cultures and practices.

Professional Capacity:

Excellent analytical skills.

Able to exercise sound judgement.

Ability to work in a team, ready to take on a wide range of tasks.

Self-motivated and able to recommend options for resolution of issues.

Able to handle confidential and politically sensitive issues in a responsible and mature manner; and applies protocol appropriately.

Technical Skills:

Able to lead strategic planning, results-based programming and management.

Able to apply economic theory and relevant best practices to the country context, carry out high quality economic research.

Able to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, with a wide range of actors, within the UN system, in Governments, the traditional structure, donors and civil society.

Excellent computer skills.

Required Skills and Experience

Educational Requirements:

Advanced University degree in economics, MBA or social sciences.

Experience Requirements:

At least 10 years of relevant and diversified professional experience at national and international level in providing advisory services and capacity building, including extensive experience in complex, crisis and post-crisis contexts.

Language Requirements:

Fluency in English is required. Arabic proficiency is an asset.



To Apply:

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