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Vacancy Announcement

Terms of Reference For Economic Policy Consultant

Duty Station:	Ramallah
Vacancy Type:	External
Application Deadline:	1 April 2007
Type of Contract:	SSA
Languages Required:	Arabic and English
Starting Date: (date when the selected candidate is expected to start)	14 April 2007
Duration of Contract:	6 months (6 days a week)
No of Vacancies:	1

Background:

The Ministry of Planning (MoP)'s Directorate of Aid Management and Coordination (AMC) has widespread responsibility in terms of ensuring that aid is directed towards national planning priorities. This involves a range of work on both the national planning and aid coordination levels. Thus, AMC staff is deeply engaged with the work of the four inaugurated Strategy Groups (economic, social development, infrastructure and governance), as well the various Sector Working Groups which address specific topics within each Strategy Group (according to mandate and type of activities fall under each). Issues related economic development cut across all of the Strategy Groups and Sector Working Groups. For this reason, the work of the AMC would be bolstered by the addition of economic experts to participate in these groups.

The AMC is also engaged in the continuing process of developing the Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP). Once again, expert knowledge of economic development issues is imperative to this process, and the AMC would greatly benefit from economic policy consultants.

The MoP's Directorate of AMC has requested UNDP's assistance in the field of Economic Policy through the technical assistance of a Consultant, who will support the work of the AMC directorate for a period of 6 months. More specifically, the consultant will assist the AMC by feeding into economic issues in the four strategy groups of the aid coordination structure, sector working groups, planning initiatives, sectoral reviews as well as providing research as needed.

On a more general level, the technical assistance of the Economic Policy Consultant falls under a preparatory assistance agreement, which UNDP/PAPP has entered into with the MoP to provide early assistance to the Ministry until a full programme of support to the MoP can be established.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision by the assigned Programme Management Officer (PMO) in cooperation and consultation with the MoP, the Consultant (MoP based with flexibility in terms of meetings to be attended in the West Bank) is expected to advise and support UNDP on economic policies in the oPt by:



Strategy Groups and Sector Working Groups

- a. Provide economic analysis on priority areas identified within these groups, and hereby support the work of AMC
- b. Develop economic background papers on specific topics such as poverty reduction, hereby supporting decision-making by relevant policy-makers within these groups

MTDP process

- c. Review and revise the current MTDP by strengthening sections related to economic development in order to ensure that this is addressed holistically with a coherent set of plans and policies
- d. Conduct economic research in support of the MTDP process as gaps in knowledge are identified.
- e. Contribute to the formulation and continued development of Poverty Reduction Strategies
- f. Examine macro-economic models for developing scenarios.
- g. Analyse and provide technical input/support on issues pertaining to micro-finance credit

Sectoral Reviews

- h. Provide economic analysis necessary for the sectoral review process.

Outputs to be delivered:

While no tangible output is to be delivered in the form of an end report or the like, the Consultant is to feed into different processes related to the work of the MoP. The Consultant is accordingly expected to pro-actively contribute to the economic policy work of the MoP by representing the MoP in e.g. strategy and sub-sector working group meetings. Further, the Consultant is expected to provide input from the MoP to the various groups under the aid coordination structure on issues linked to economic policy such as private sector development, and formulation and development of poverty reduction strategies.

The Consultant is also expected to contribute to the revision and updating of the MTDP by means of analysis on economic policy issues in the context of development in the oPt.

Delivery dates:

Once the consultant is recruited, a work plan will be established in consultation with UNDP and the MoP, which together will approve of this. The Consultant will submit a progress report to the UNDP/PAPP on a monthly basis accounting for accomplishments made against the agreed upon work-plan.

Qualifications:

- A Master's Degree in Economics or Development
- Seven years work experience in strategic planning, economic research, policy development or related field
- Advanced level of English language skills
- Knowledge of international standards related to planning for economic development
- Strong organizational and communication skills

To Apply:

- Interested candidates should send their Curriculum Vitae with a cover letter in English to the UNDP/PAPP Office in Jerusalem, specifying the position: **Economic Policy Consultant – Ramallah**, by E-mail to hr.ps@undp.org or by fax to 02-6268223.
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