

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

INTERNALLY/EXTERNALLY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO: 2015/HCR/SSDJU/018

Title of Post	National Consultant	Grade	Consultant
Position Numbers:	N/A	Date of Issue	25/02/2015
Location	Juba, South Sudan	Closing Date	06/03/2015

Terms of Reference: To co-ordinate the roll-out of the SAFE Strategy and provide technical support to operations with energy-related activities

Background

UNHCR is committed to ensuring adequate access to energy and sustainable environmental management in its operations to improve the protection and well-being of Persons of Concern (PoCs). In this regard, the Energy and Environment Unit at UNHCR in Geneva oversees a broad range of related projects and supports enhancing environmental management in the field through technical guidance and situation analysis.

Providing refugees with access to sustainable, clean energy can enhance livelihood opportunities and basic services such as the provision of clean drinking water, health care, and education. It can increase safety in and around camps at night, while allowing for more time to study, work and socialise. In addition, fuel costs can be reduced, freeing resources for other essential services, all while reducing the vulnerability of refugees and safeguarding the environment.

UNHCR, mandated to protect the rights and wellbeing of refugees, has implemented measures to address the challenges related to energy, including providing refugees with fuel-efficient stoves, solar street lights, solar lanterns, and establishing woodlots to provide firewood.

To address energy issues in refugee camp settings, UNHCR has developed global strategy for Safe Access to Fuels and Energy (SAFE) to provide a robust, co-ordinated framework for programme development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. The Strategy will provide guidance to country operations on developing country programme energy strategies, which will be context specific to better meet the energy needs of PoCs. In order to provide technical guidance and co-ordinate the roll-out of this strategy in four priority countries in 2015 in -- Uganda, South Sudan, East Sudan, Djibouti and Nepal -- UNHCR is seeking to recruit a qualified national consultant in each of the five countries.

Responsibilities

- Co-ordinate with the UNHCR Environmental Focal Point, and other relevant staff, to establish a briefing on the energy situation in the respective country, and access relevant files and contacts.
- Establish co-ordination and consultation mechanisms at country and sub-office levels, including UNHCR staff, government, partner NGOs and the private sector related to and involved in energy access in a humanitarian context

- Participate in an initial planning workshop where detailed plans will be elaborated to form the basis of a UNHCR country programme energy strategy, following the format of the Global Strategy. This will include the development of a timeline with milestones, targets and indicators for the prioritised actions, identify roles and responsibilities, and define a provisional budget
- Be the lead in providing technical guidance and co-ordinating the roll-out of the energy strategy, particularly as it pertains to other sectors of humanitarian work
- Conduct a baseline assessment and situation analysis, including a desk review, on the current environment and energy situation and actions in the country operation. Significant gaps or opportunities should be identified
- Support the development and implementation of an in-country monitoring and evaluation system, with assistance from the country office and the Energy and Environment Unit at UNHCR HQ
- Provide technical support to operations with energy-related activities, including baseline and market assessments, identifying appropriate sources of renewable energy for cooking, lighting, and general powering of camps and settlements, and undertaking cost-benefit comparisons;
- Provide capacity building training to UNHCR staff, government counterparts and partners, with assistance from the Energy and Environment Unit
- Explore and apply new approaches to energy activities, considering synergies with other sectors
- Actively seek opportunities for effective and systematic advocacy and exchange of knowledge with all government and non-governmental partners to promote strategic partnerships and mobilise resources;
- Provide a monthly report to Country Office and the Energy and Environment Unit on progress

Expected outputs

- Baseline energy information established for each camp in the respective country
- Multiyear country level energy strategy developed, incorporating financing mechanisms and M&E plans
- Monitoring and evaluation framework established and implemented
- Lessons learned/good practices documented and shared with other operations at UNHCR at the Energy and Environment Unit at HQ
- Capacity building training on energy-related programme issues organized
- New, innovative ideas and approaches generated for application at camp level
- Market-based approaches identified for energy technologies and projects
- Regular, timely quality reports submitted to the Country Office and the Energy and Environment Unit

Qualifications

- Advanced university degree in a field related to energy/renewable energy, natural resource management and environmental sciences, or related fields;
- At least eight years of experience with energy and environment in humanitarian/developmental settings;

- Hands-on experience in design, monitoring and evaluation of development projects, experience with undertaking assessments, and strategic planning;
- Strong interest and exposure to development and humanitarian issues, especially in the area of energy and innovation;
- Demonstrated ability to co-ordinate and implement projects; Some personnel management and supervision experience desired;
- Excellent networking and communication skills; experience in communicating relevant information for a variety of audiences for advocating UNHCR's mandate;
- Ability to think creatively, and to explore, harness and translate innovative concepts into practice.
- Able to work independently and deliver quality reports on time.

Reporting

- The incumbent will report to the Senior Programme Officer and cc to the Energy and Environment Unit, Geneva

Duration

- Initially for nine months with a possibility of extension

Submission of Applications

Please send your application addressed to SSUDJUHR@UNHCR.ORG or hand carry to the nearest UNHCR offices clearly indicating in the subject line of the Vacancy Announcement, title and location of post, not later than 06/03/2015. Please submit original application and P.11 with copies of certificates. This vacancy announcement is opened only for South Sudanese nationals.

Due to the large volume of applications received, only short listed candidates will be contacted.

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