



## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

### **EXTERNAL VACANCY NOTICE**

#### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Vacancy no:

**Functional Title:** National Environment Consultant

**Duty Station:** Khartoum

**Date of Entry on Duty:** As soon as possible

**Duration:** 9 months

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

#### **1.0 Background**

For more than 40 years, Eastern Sudan has hosted a large number of refugees, mainly from Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia. Today, the total number of the refugees remaining in the region is approximately 92,000, the majority of whom are from Eritrea. Of these, more than 80,000 refugees live in 9 refugee camps (Wad Sherifey, Shagarabs I, Shagarabs II, Shagarabs III, Girba, Kilo 26, Um Gargour, Abuda and Fau 5) and 3 mixed settlements (Um Gulja, Um Rakoba, Abu Rakham) in Kassala, El Gezira and Gedaref states, while the rest are scattered in local communities in various urban and rural locations. East Sudan continues to receive new arrivals from Eritrea at an average rate of 1,400 individuals per month. About 60% of the registered refugees are born in Sudan. Eastern Sudan remains the context of one of the most protracted refugee situations in the world.

The conflicts in South Sudan resulted to an influx of new arrivals into the White Nile state and are being hosted at the locations of Jouri, Al Kashafa, Alridais 1, Alagaya, Elridais 2, Dabat Bosin (Alagaya 2) with a total population of 56,321 individuals and 10,067 households.

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 a Global Strategy for Safe Access to Fuels and Energy (SAFE) to provide a robust, coordinated framework for programme development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. The Strategy aims to provide guidance to developing country programme energy strategy for Sudan, which will better address the energy needs of PoCs.

## **2.0 Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the direct supervision and guidance of the Senior Programme Officer at UNHCR Khartoum Sudan, the incumbent will perform the following tasks and duties:

- Establish co-ordination and consultation mechanisms at UNHCR Khartoum office and sub-office levels, including UNHCR staff, State and Federal government, partner NGOs and the private sector related to and involved in energy access in a humanitarian context.
- To spearhead development and roll-out of UNHCR Sudan country programme energy strategy.
- Conduct a baseline assessment and situation analysis, on the current environment and energy situation and actions in Sudan and identify significant gaps and opportunities. This will include a desk review of past interventions and assessment reports undertaken and documented.
- Support the development and implementation of an in-country monitoring and evaluation system, with assistance from UNHCR Khartoum office, sub-office kassala and the Energy and Environment Unit at UNHCR HQ.
- Provide capacity building training to UNHCR staff, implementing partners, government counterparts and partners, with assistance from the Energy and Environment Unit.
- 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 UNHCR Khartoum, UNHCR Kassala Office and the Energy and Environment Unit on progress of interventions.
- Co-ordinate with the UNHCR Environmental Focal Point, and other relevant staff, to establish a briefing on the energy situation in the camps in Sudan and access relevant files and contacts.
- 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 coordinating the roll-out of the energy strategy, particularly as it pertains to other sectors of humanitarian work.
- 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 UNHCR HQ. Energy and Environment Unit
- Explore and apply new approaches to energy activities, considering synergies with other sectors

### **3.0 Expected outputs**

- Baseline energy information established for each refugee camp in the target site.
- Multiyear country level energy strategy developed, incorporating financing mechanisms and M&E plans
- Biomass survey conducted and verified around each camp with assistance from the Energy and Environment Unit at HQ
- 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 UNHCR Sudan office and the Energy and Environment Unit.

### **4.0 Qualification and experience**

- 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.

## **5.0 Desirable competencies**

- 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.
- Excellent written and reporting skills in English

## **6.0 Languages**

Fluency in oral and written English and Arabic.

## **7.0 Scope**

The consultant will work in all the refugee camps in the Eastern States of Kassala, Gedaref and Al Gezira and the camps in the White Nile State. The camps include Wad Sherifey, Shagarabs I, Shagarabs II, Shagarabs III, Girba, Kilo 26, Um Gargour, Abuda and Fau 5 in Eastern Sudan and Jouri, Al Kashafa, Alridais 1, Alagaya, Elridais 2, Dabat Bosin (Alagaya 2) in White Nile State. The consultant will be based in Khartoum with frequent travel to the Eastern States and White Nile State of Sudan to undertake assessment in the camps.

## **8.0 Reporting**

The National Environment Consultant will report to the Senior Programme Officer in UNHCR Khartoum, and cc to the Energy and Environment Unit, Geneva.

## **9.0 Application procedures**

Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of application for the position, and attach their curriculum vitae that include the applicant's telephone number and the telephone numbers and email addresses of at least two referees who have supervised the applicant's professional work.

Applications should be addressed to Human Resources Unit using the address.... Only applications received by close of business on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 will be considered. Short listed candidates will be invited for a written and oral interview.

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