



Established in December 1950, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated to lead and coordinate international action to protect and assist refugees and other persons of concern. For more than six decades, UNHCR has helped over 50 million of people restart their lives. UNHCR is now looking for:

## **Energy/Environment Officer (P3)**

### **Iriba, Chad**

#### **Department of Programme Support & Management (DPSM)**

UNHCR Chad has been affected by a regular decrease of funding and need to change its strategy in order to cater for a constantly increased number of refugees. Following a series of consultations and workshops, UNHCR Strategy in Chad has been fundamentally changed towards an approach to ensure that more and more refugees become self-sufficient through an integrated livelihood strategy. This strategy has been established in conjunction with WFP in line with the Joint Programme, which also includes the FAO. In view of the large amount of livelihood projects and initiatives, it is therefore critical that an expert in energy and environment supports this new strategy as the local capacities are very limited.

In humanitarian contexts, sustainable energy is a crosscutting issue with broad implications for self-reliance, protection, education, health, and environment, and necessitates collaboration amongst a wide variety of actors in governmental, nongovernmental, and private sectors.

To enhance safe access to fuel and energy for refugees, it is imperative to design a programme based on a feasibility study and baseline assessment with substantial refugee consultation. Such programmes should be holistic, from fuel provision to providing appropriate cooking and lighting technologies to refugees. UNHCR is creating an Energy Officer position in Iriba to coordinate and provide regional technical support on energy access. The Senior Energy Officer supports all issues related to energy and its cross-cutting impacts including self-reliance, education and protection, and will ensure that energy programmes are in line with the UNHCR Global Strategy for Safe Access to Fuel and Energy.

The Energy/Environment Officer will be based in Iriba, Chad and will work closely with colleagues in related technical sectors including education, livelihoods, protection, health, community services, shelter, water and sanitation, and gender and age. S/he will coordinate and provide technical support to a regional network of country-level energy and environment focal points in the 13 refugees camps in East of Chad. Additionally, s/he will ensure that all energy programmes in the region are in line with the UNHCR Global Strategy for Safe Access to Fuel and Energy. S/he will proactively seek out appropriate energy technologies, including new innovations being implemented by the private sector and development actors and determine how best to incorporate into UNHCR operations, in consultation with the

Energy and Environment Unit in DPSM/OSTS. S/he should identify and participate in regional fora focused on energy solutions.

S/he will liaise with Assistant Representative (Operation), DPSM/Energy and Environment Unit, and Regional Bureau/Desk. S/he supports and provides guidance to the network of UNHCR Energy and Environment focal points and officers as well as to Implementing and Operational Partners, National Governments, relevant ministries, UN agencies.

To provide policy and guidance on energy, provide information on specific technical guidelines, briefings, training, provide input on evaluation documents, carry out assessments, to facilitate contact with relevant partner agencies, advise on local agreements, review reports, support the design and implementation of country-level energy strategies and initiatives, including pilots, support advocacy and support fundraising.

To coordinate approaches and strengthen/develop strategic partnership with other regional UN agencies, including FAO, UNEP and WFP, entities such as the SAFE Group and NGOs involved in safe access to fuel and energy, to share information and experiences, carry out joint assessments, produce joint technical guidelines, implement joint pilot projects, seek new opportunities for interagency collaboration on energy, seek financial and technical support for refugee operations, conduct joint trainings and research.

The incumbent holds a professional senior management position responsible for the provision of expert technical support and advice as well as strategic planning and policy making activities within the area of energy and related technical sectors, most notably environment.

**Typical functions may include:**

**A. Coordinate and Set Policies:**

- Coordinate with the energy/environment officers and focal points in the region.
- Lead the baseline assessments and feasibility studies on energy in refugee situations in the region.
- Coordinate the design of energy and environment programmes of the operations in the region, mainly Burkina Faso and Niger, identifying appropriate energy interventions, including alternative/renewable energy sources. This should be based on outcomes of the baseline and feasibility studies, and extensive consultation with the refugee community and stakeholders within UNHCR, the government, implementing partners and NGOs/other UN agencies. Work in a cross-sectoral and coordinated approach in cooperation with UN agencies, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) and other humanitarian partners in the region.
- Develop and ensure implementation of policies and strategies, including the UNHCR Global Strategy for Safe Access to Fuel and Energy.
- Represent UNHCR in relevant national meetings and technical conferences.

**B. Technical Support:**

- Provide technical assistance on energy and environment to UNHCR operations in the region, and implementing partners.

- Identify appropriate regional technical partners on energy and environment to support operations in the region; support country operations in identifying appropriate technical partners on energy.
- Identify technologies and approaches to energy, suitable for the regional refugee contexts, testing and piloting as necessary, with possibilities of scaling-up and replication identified.
- Review and provide technical input on reports and proposals from the field with the aim of verifying compliance with UNHCR policy priorities on refugee women and children, gender, adolescents and other related areas. This includes considering the cross-sectoral impact of energy on other sectors such as education, livelihoods and protection.
- Document and draw from good practices and lessons learned for dissemination in collaboration with the Energy and Environment Unit DPSM/OSTS through on-line platforms and other fora, scaling-up and implementation on the various facets of energy (renewable energy, cooking, lighting, powering).

### **C. Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- Lead the design and implementation of baseline and feasibility studies of energy options in the regional refugee contexts, and subsequent impact assessments/evaluations including in areas of overlap with other sectors.
- Monitor the progress and implementation of the energy programme of operations in the region.
- Lead and supervise the planning and reporting process on issues related to energy and the wider environment.
- Facilitate the inclusion of UNHCR energy programmes in inter-agency assessment and evaluation efforts.
- Monitor and evaluate any tests/pilot projects on energy, considering the possibilities of scaling-up and replication.

### **D. Capacity Building:**

- Coordinate and supervise training of UNHCR staff and its implementing partners to address key challenges to satisfying the energy needs of refugees and other persons of concern.
- Through exposure to training, missions, and projects, build the capacity and competence of UNHCR staff in related sectors (e.g. education, livelihoods and protection) and environment/energy officers and focal points in the region.
- Ensure energy is adequately addressed within UNHCR through capacity building activities of the agency and related sectors.

### **E. Resources Mobilization:**

- Lead the effort in resource mobilization for energy and environment-related activities with emphasis on non-traditional donors.

***Minimum qualifications and professional experience required:***

- Advanced university degree in a field related to energy, renewable energy, or engineering;
- Minimum 10 years of relevant working experience in energy at professional level, with 3 years in an international capacity, preferably in developing countries;
- Experience in energy provision and energy in humanitarian/development settings, planning, and monitoring and evaluation of energy-related projects;
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate and implement projects;
- Ability to apply knowledge from contemporary research in the field of energy, and translate this into humanitarian settings; familiarity with emerging sustainable and appropriate energy technologies and renewable energy;
- Solid skills in analysis, using and presenting quantitative and qualitative data, and report writing;
- Familiarity with community-based and participatory approaches;
- Ability to think creatively and to explore, harness and translate innovative concepts into practice;
- Strong communication, including written and presentation skills;
- Fluency in either French or English, with strong working knowledge in the other;
- Computer literacy in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), and a statistical programme.

***Desirable qualifications and Experience:***

- Project management skills.
- Designing and facilitating training programmes.
- Development of information materials.