

## Terms of Reference

ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION:	UN-Habitat, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)
DUTY STATION:	UN-Habitat Viet Nam, Hanoi Office
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Junior Operation Assistant
CONTRACT TYPE:	UNOPS Local Individual Contractor Agreement (LICA)
DURATION:	3 months, 1 July to 30 September 2021
PAYMENT:	Monthly payment

## **BACKGROUND**

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat, is the UN agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

The project “Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Program for Urban Development in Vietnam” (ISCB project) is financed by Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs - SECO for technical assistance and capacity development. The main goal of this project is to strengthen capacities of national and local institutions to promote, plan and implement innovative and participatory solutions for sustainable urban development in Vietnam. The project will be implemented over a period of five years by UN-Habitat in close coordination with the Ministry of Construction and city governments.

The project consists of three interlinked components:

Component 1: Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building

- a) Support sustainable setup of the Institute for Urban Development Management
- b) Improve institutional capacity of national and local government agencies

Component 2: Policy and Regulation

- a) Strengthening of national urban legislation
- b) Support the implementation of the Planning Law

Component 3: Piloting

The project will be led by the Habitat Program Manager, responsible for all technical and financial aspects of the program and coordination with key counterparts at the levels of ministries and city government. Implementation is guided by annual work plans that clarify tasks and responsibilities of UN-Habitat towards national and local counterparts. The Institute for Urban Development Management (IUDM) in MoC will be responsible for the organization of the training activities as well as liaison with the city People’s Committees to ensure active participation and provide logistic support. The Urban Development Agency (UDA) in MoC will be responsible for the delivery mechanism of component 2.1 and provide the technical support for integration of successful pilot approaches into the New Urban Law and related regulations. The Department of Planning Management (DPM) in MPI will be responsible for the delivery mechanism of component 2.2 and provide the technical support for the integration of strategic planning approach into urban and rural planning regulatory frameworks. Finally, the three selected cities will be responsible for the implementation of the pilot projects.

UN-Habitat's role in the project includes overall responsibility for project implementation, as well as for monitoring and reporting, receiving support from UN-Habitat Headquarters and the Asia-Pacific Regional Office.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The Junior Operation Assistant will work under the direct supervision of the ISCB Project Manager in Vietnam to provide the day-to-day finance management support for the project, in close connection with the Programme Officer and UN-Habitat Vietnam's administrative and finance team.

## **RESPONSABILITIES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS:**

The following specific responsibilities are included in this consultancy:

- Ensure effective logistical arrangements and coordination between all the actors in the Project for the prompt and effective implementation of the program activities;
- Facilitate logistical and administrative support for local and international travels and missions of UN-Habitat Vietnam personnel under the project including schedule planning, transport requests, security clearance, DSA processing and travel reimbursements;
- Assist the project team in the preparation of TORs, and in the recruitment processes and AoC with partner organisations;
- Maintain records on all project personnel and local consultants and their respective status in accordance with accepted policies and procedures;
- Track project expenditures through appropriate bookkeeping, capturing the financial procedures of the donors and UN-Habitat's finance and administrative guidelines;
- Determine need for procurement and supply of office supplies, equipment and establish and maintain office files, logs, index, control index or other information concerning the work under the supervisor's control, and maintain inventory for repair and maintenance services;
- Assist in preparing requests for advance of funds and/or direct payments and follow-up on timely disbursements, and submit expenditure and program budget status reports;
- Provide guidance to co-implementing partners for smooth and proper implementation of the AoCs
- Assist in preparing financial reports in view of the requirements by implementing partners and relevant stakeholders; and
- Perform other tasks as may be necessary to ensure success of the project implementation.

Daily presence in the project office is expected.

## **REQUIRED SKILLS:**

- **Professionalism:** Knowledge of urban development issues. Ability to observe deadlines and achieve set goals. Ability to work and deliver outputs under pressure.
- **Communication:** Good written and oral presentation skills in English. Good presentation skills. Ability to communicate complex interventions in a clear language and convincing narratives.
- **Teamwork:** Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues to achieve agreed goals.
- **Planning and Organizing:** Ability to prioritize activities and assignments and to easily switch between different projects.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Education:

Minimum Highschool certification. Bachelor's Degree in business, public administration, management, finance, or accounting, or other field relevant to development studies in developing countries would be considered as asset.

Work Experience:

Minimum 3 years of relevant work experience in providing coordination and operational support to development projects in Vietnam; in climate change, urban planning, urban development. Working experience with UN-Habitat or UN agencies are preferable.

Language Skills

For this consultancy, fluency in oral and written English and Vietnamese is required.

**REMUNERATION**

Payments will be made monthly over the contractual period. There are set remuneration rates for independent contractors. The rate is determined by functions performed and experience of the independent contractors. The fee will be paid as per agreement.

**DURATION**

The contract will be for 3 months, 1 July to 30 September 2021 (full time), and renewable subject to the performance and budget availability.