

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION:	UN-HABITAT
DUTY STATION:	Hargeisa, Somaliland, with frequent travel to Bosaso (Puntland), and Burao, Boroma and Berbera (Somaliland)
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	<b>International Project Manager Shelter</b> (Expert in Shelter Construction & Settlement Development for IDPs)
DURATION:	6 working months over 7.5 months
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:	8 November 2014

### BACKGROUND

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat, is the 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. UN-Habitat helps the urban poor by transforming cities into safer, healthier, greener places with better opportunities where everyone can live in with dignity. It works with organizations at every level, including all spheres of government, civil society and the private sector to help build, manage, plan and finance sustainable urban development.

UN-Habitat has been active in the Somali urban sector for more than 25 years. Project activities have evolved from targeting immediate local needs to more systematic attempts to address sustainable urban development through integrated human settlement programmes.

The ongoing projects “**Shelter Provision, Reintegration and Improved Livelihoods for Returnees and IDPs in 4 Towns in Somaliland**” and “**Integration of Long Term IDPs into the Host Community in Bosaso**” correspond with UN-Habitat’s mandate to ‘rebuild communities’ in a post conflict situation. The interventions address the continuous need to improve living standards and provide durable solutions for reintegration, shelter provision and resettlement of displaced communities in major towns of Somaliland and Puntland. In particular, the project aims to reduce tensions between IDPs and host communities and incorporates issues of protection, and spatial and socio-economic integration through secure tenure and improvement of livelihood opportunities for the most vulnerable.

The projects will have the following key outputs and activities:

- 1. Beneficiaries provided with secure land tenure in Hargeisa North, Boroma, Burao, Berbera, and Bosaso, and threat of forced eviction permanently reduced**
- 2. Durable housing construction at the selected permanent settlement areas completed and living conditions of up to 835 families improved**
- 3. Social-economic integration of targeted Returnee and IDP communities improved and access to employment and livelihood opportunities increased**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide management, monitoring, backstopping and technical support to the implementation of UN-Habitat shelter and resettlement projects in Somaliland and Puntland, and ensure implementation of activities, in accordance with the project documents
- Liaise with Central and Local Government counterparts, line Ministries, UN sister Agencies and NGOs engaged in the UN-Habitat shelter activities in Somaliland and Puntland
- Represent UN-Habitat in the field based Shelter Clusters in Somaliland and Puntland
- Provide inputs to technical documents and tender processes in collaboration with UN-Habitat Somalia Programme Management and other technical staff
- Support the beneficiary selection process, with the aim of ensuring that the procedure is transparent, fair and in line with project objectives,
- Provide backstopping and technical support to construction works, and advise project staff with detailed information on location of sites, settlement plans, building specifications, contractual provisions, etc.
- Provide inputs to regular progress-and technical reports, following the work plan
- Enable and encourage the application of best practices and core principles on integrated settlements planning and appropriate durable shelter design
- Support, provide information and institutional knowledge on arrangements contributing to secure tenure for beneficiaries in the selected settlements
- Provide technical backstopping to the implementation of field activities, advice on supervision of construction works and training activities, and support the project team with procedures and templates for quantity survey, certification and quality control
- Provide inputs to and ensure timely preparation of progress reports
- Support the development and implementation of additional potential sub-projects that will improve the quality of the settlements. Provide inputs to technical documents, tender documents and Agreements of Cooperation with partners
- Advise on vocational training activities, including proposed beneficiaries, and liaise with UN-Habitat Somalia Programme Management and other technical staff to support timely implementation
- Ensure complete transfer and hand-over of data, information, documentation, drawings and institutional knowledge related to the shelter projects

### **Detailed Outputs**

- Detailed work plan for the project activities
- Procedures, tools & modalities based on lessons learned, including: procedures for beneficiary selection, assessment on land availability, shelter construction works, additional infrastructure projects and skills training activities
- Identification of community infrastructure projects, scope of skills training and livelihood activities
- Design, costing and all technical documentation related to the construction of durable shelter and community infrastructure

- Progress reports, Handover reports with all relevant data, information, documentation and drawings

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced university degree (MSc) in architecture, civil engineering, construction, urban planning, settlement development, or a related field
- Minimum five years relevant experience in project management of shelter and settlement construction projects
- Relevant experience in a post-conflict country(ies) with low institutional and technical capacities, and proven familiarity with IDP, permanent settlement and durable housing issues
- Software Skills: AutoCAD or ArchiCAD, Excel, PowerPoint, Email, Word
- Language: full proficiency in English is mandatory; knowledge of Somali an asset

### Other:

- Strong design and presentation skills and be a fluent communicator
- Familiarity with the UN system is an asset
- Strong co-ordination, communication and facilitation skills, results oriented, independent, able to identify and carry out duties and responsibilities with minimum supervision and able to Promote the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UN-Habitat
- Team player and able to motivate and work in harmony with local staff and other agencies
- Strong sense of initiative, stress resistance, and willingness to work in remote areas & conditions

## COMPETENCIES

**Professionalism:** Knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to low cost housing, IDP resettlement, shelter provision and the broader infrastructure sector. Ability to identify issues, analyze and participate in the resolution of issues/problems.

**Planning& Organizing:** Ability to work under pressure, establish priorities and plan, develop clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; use time efficiently.

**Communication:** Excellent written communication skills and ability to articulate ideas in a clear and articulate manner including the ability to prepare and edit a variety of documents, reports and briefs.

## TIME FRAME

The assignment is expected to take **6 working months over 7.5 months starting mid November 2014 to end June 2015**, with the possibility of extension, subject to available funding and project scope. The assignment shall be **based in Hargeisa, Somaliland**, with frequent travel to Bosaso (Puntland), other project towns (Burao, Berbera and Boroma), and regular missions to the UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

## REMUNERATION

Payments will be based on deliverables over the consultancy period. There are set remuneration rates for consultancies. The rate is determined by functions performed and experience of the consultant. The fees will be paid as per agreement.

## APPLICATION

### **Applications should include:**

- Cover letter (maximum 1 page)
- Summary CV, indicating the following information:
  1. Educational Background (incl. dates)
  2. Professional Experience (assignments, tasks, achievements, duration by years/ months)
  3. Other Experience and Expertise (e.g. Internships/ voluntary work, etc.)
  4. Expertise and preferences regarding location of potential assignments
  5. Expectations regarding remuneration
  6. Work examples (optional)

### **All applications should be submitted to:**

UN-HABITAT Somalia, Email: [un-habitat.som@unhabitat.org](mailto:un-habitat.som@unhabitat.org)

**Please be advised that since April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, applicants for consultancies must be part of the UN-HABITAT e-Roster in order for their application to be considered.** You can reach the e-Roster through the following link: <http://e-roster.unhabitat.org>

### **Deadline for applications: 8 November 2014**

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