

CONSULTANT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION	Data and Analytics Unit, UN-Habitat
DUTY STATION	Home based
FUNCTIONAL TITLE	Data Specialist Consultant
CONTRACT TYPE	Consultant
POST DURATION	12 Months
CLOSING DATE	03.03.2025

1. BACKGROUND

UN- Habitat established the Data and Analytics section under the Knowledge and Innovation branch of UN-Habitat as a specialized statistical unit in charge of global monitoring of the Habitat Agenda and other agendas with an urban linkage. DAU has more than 30 years' experience in the collection, analysis and production of urban data at the world level and in specific cities. In line with UN-Habitat's mandate, DAU is working to a) Improve the capacity of countries and cities to access relevant information, setting global standards in the design analysis and collection of urban data, and supports the translation of data/information into policy formulation; b) Guide methodological developments of the urban related indicators and targets used by the international development community to monitor global progress towards implementation of the NUA and the urban SDGs; c) Improve worldwide urban knowledge base by supporting governments, local authorities and civil societies in the development and application of policy-oriented urban indicators, statistics and other urban information.

The Data and Analytics Unit is currently leading SDG 11 and the NUA monitoring at the global level. As postulated in the SDG monitoring framework, the structures for data collection, and the resulting data should be disaggregated across several thematic areas – gender, age, persons with disability, and location variables. Additional activities include applying the national sample of cities approach and the degree of urbanization methodology as the recommended approach for defining cities, urban and rural areas. The monitoring tasks for these two global agendas have now been consolidated through the Global Urban Monitoring Framework (UMF), which covers 77 urban-level indicators. Currently the data unit is involved in rolling out the application of the UMF at the city and country levels. This task involves development of methodologies which are globally applicable and adaptable to the country level for urban data generation, their piloting, building the capacity of countries/cities to use these methods and undertake continuous reporting on the urban related indicators, and supporting countries and cities to generate accurate and up to date data which is used for national and global reporting on the progress towards sustainable cities and human settlements. Beyond its contribution to enhanced understanding of urban systems across countries, the UMF is also being adapted as the basis for urban performance assessment through a diversity of upcoming indices, such as the Housing measurement tracker whose development is being led by UN-Habitat.

Objective of the Consultancy

Data and Analytics Section (DAU) is seeking a Statistician/ Data Specialist (consultant) to support the Unit in advancing the global development of the housing indicators and support also data collection of well-being measures such as Housing measurement trackers and ensure that relevant capacity development is

provided to cities and countries to produce housing data and housing data against globally agreed indicators. The consultant will also contribute to the routine work programme on urban indicators, including the collection and analysis of interrelated urban data, management of the urban indicators database and servicing of various resolutions passed during the 2023 Habitat Assembly.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Data Specialist will work in the Knowledge and Innovation Branch, under the direct supervision of the Chief of the Data and Analytics Unit. She/he will be responsible for the following tasks, in coordination with the Data and Analytics and housing indicators technical team, providing technical inputs at all stages of relevant research cycles, including for secondary data reviews, assessment conceptualization, research design, data cleaning, data analysis. Specifically supporting;

- Data Collection
 - Develop standardized methodologies and guidelines for collecting housing data.
 - Identify key indicators, including affordability, tenure, quality, accessibility, and spatial distribution.
 - Collaborate with national statistical offices (NSOs), local governments, and relevant stakeholders to gather primary and secondary data.
 - Ensure the inclusion of vulnerable groups, such as low-income households, women, and persons with disabilities, in data collection efforts.
- Capacity Building
 - Organize training sessions and workshops for national and local stakeholders on housing data collection and analysis.
 - Provide technical assistance to countries with limited resources or technical expertise.
- Data Analysis and Reporting
 - Analyze collected data to identify trends, gaps, and emerging challenges.
 - Produce periodic reports and dashboards to present findings and insights.
 - Develop tools and platforms for data visualization and dissemination.
- Partnerships and Coordination
 - Establish partnerships with international organizations, research institutions, and private sector entities.
 - Coordinate with UN agencies, including UN-Habitat and UNDESA, to ensure alignment with global standards and frameworks.
- Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Establish a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness and impact of the initiative.
 - Develop key performance indicators (KPIs) to track progress and outcomes.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS/ Ultimate Results

Technical advisory services provided to the housing indicators initiative leading to the Global housing data production in selected countries.

4. COMPETENCIES

PROFESSIONALISM:

Shows pride in work and in achievements; Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; Is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; Remains calm in stressful situations.

PLANNING AND ORGANIZING:

Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

COMMUNICATION:

Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; Listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; Asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; Tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience; Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

TEAMWORK:

Ability to work with teams, demonstrate leadership, conflict management and consensus facilitation skills; ability to work in a multicultural and multi-ethnic environment, and to respect diversity; sensitivity to the main streaming of vulnerability; willingness and ability to work in difficult environments.

Skills

- Experienced with a technical lead and team lead background
- Self-motivated, critical thinker and the ability to thrive in a team environment
- Strong client-services orientation with excellent communication skills to non-technical staff
- Fluency in both oral and written English
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and a high level of resilience is required.
- Excellent team player with strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity is highly desirable.

5. QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced project manager with a technical lead and team lead background
- Self-motivated, critical thinker and the ability to thrive in a team environment
- Strong client-services orientation with excellent communication skills to non-technical staff
- Fluency in both oral and written English
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and a high level of resilience is required.
- Excellent team player with strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity is highly desirable.

Education

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Statistics, Demography, Economics, Actuarial Sciences, or any other closely related field is required. A first-level university degree in combination with two years qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work experience

- At least two years of experience as researcher/analyst with experience working on urban and human settlements issues at the local, national and international levels is required.
- Some level of knowledge of and experience working with the SDGs is highly desirable.

Language

For this post, fluency in written and oral English is required. Knowledge of another official United Nations language is an added advantage.

Payment

The consultant will be paid on a monthly basis at a level A Consultant rate (USD 5,000).

Applications should include:

- Cover memo (maximum 1 page)
- P11, 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.)

All applications should be submitted to: Catherine Kimuhu

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Deadline for applications: Posting period 25 Feb 2025-3 March 2025

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