



United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Ministry of Economy of the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is pleased to announce the following vacancy:

VACANCY NO: VA-CO-2019-05-02
OPENING DATE: 27 May 2019
CLOSING DATE: 10 June 2019
POST TITLE: Economic Advisor
NUMBER OF POSITION: 1 (ONE)
CATEGORY: NTA (As per CBR policy, A-6)
DUTY STATION: Kabul, with travel to provinces
DURATION: Till end of 2019 with possibility of extension

Background:

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) through its 4th Country Programme Action Plan “CPAP4” supports the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) in capacity enhancement in the areas of Population and Development Strategies, including data management and data utilization for policies and programmes aimed to reduce poverty, ensure every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe, every young person’s potential is fulfilled and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect and every woman, man and child is enjoying a life of health and equal opportunity.

Introduction

Under the overall supervision of the Minister for technical affairs, the incumbent will directly report to the General Director of Policy and Result Based Monitoring of the Ministry of Economy, and UNFPA Program Specialist. She/he will play a lead and technical role in coordinating, ensuring integration of economic growth and development issues on national development frameworks. The Economic Advisor analyses trends in economic growth and development as well as the social and policy related environments in Afghanistan. S/he will have substantive role in the development of national economic growth policy/strategies in line with national goals and the post 2015 development agenda. The Economic Advisor will play a key role in supporting interventions to further advance and move the agenda of economic growth and development into national policies, priority programs, strategies, plans and subsequent reports that are

produced by the MoEc or the GoIRA for its internal use and for reporting to international and regional obligations. The incumbent has to strengthen capacity for development policies and strategies. The post holder should be willing to travel to field/provinces as might be required.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the overall guidance of the MoEc’s leadership and UNFPA leadership, the Economic Advisor will perform the following tasks:

- Collect information and data on macroeconomic indicators of Afghanistan’s economy;
- Assess the current status of national indicators and provide policy recommendation for economic growth and development;
- Assist in development of an economic growth policy and strategies for the country;
- Analyze data using mathematical models, statistical and econometric techniques;
- Prepare annual report on economic growth, trade growth, and fiscal analysis;
- Undertake relevant research and write reports on macroeconomic situation;
- Develop economic guidelines and standards and prepare points of view used in forecasting trends and formulating economic policy
- Deliver results within tight deadlines and in response to specific supervisor’s request
- Any other relevant tasks assigned by MoEc/UNFPA

Required Skills

- Self-motivated and ability to work under time pressure;
- General Economic Knowledge and Analytical Skills.
- Knowledge and Experience in Development Arena
- Macroeconomic Skills and Country Economics Experience – Demonstrates basic macroeconomic modeling skills and knowledge; understands how different accounts in an economy fit together and links among real, monetary, trade, debt and balance of payments accounts.
- Written and Verbal Communication – Delivers information effectively in support of team or workgroup
- Lead and innovate - Develops innovative solutions with others.
- Make Smart Decisions – Interprets a wide range of information and pushes to move forward.
- Team – oriented, possess a positive attitude and work well with others;

Functional competencies:

- Strong econometrics capabilities and skills
- Advocacy/Advancing a policy oriented agenda;
- Results-based program development and management;
- Innovation and marketing of new approaches;
- Leveraging the resources of national governments and partners/building strategic alliances and partners.

Core Competencies:

- Values: Integrity/Commitment to mandate, Knowledge sharing/Continuous learning, Valuing diversity;
- Managing Relationships: Working in teams, Communicating information and ideas, Conflict and self-management;
- Working with people: Empowerment/Developing people/Performance management;
- Personal Leadership and Effectiveness: Strategic and analytical thinking, Results orientation/Commitment to excellence, Appropriate and transparent decision making.

Job Requirements:

- Academic Requirements: Advanced university degree (Master or PHD) in Economics, Social Science, International development or other related field;
- Experience: At least 7 years' professional experience with government, NGOs and UN agencies preferably in Policy development and programme implementation, Practical experience in developing policies, guidelines and conducting research;
- A demonstrated ability in Monitoring, Evaluation of development projects, cooperation with Government officials, donors, and United Nations' agencies.

Submission Guidelines:

Interested **Afghan Nationals** may send the completed United Nations Personal History form (P-11) by e-mail along with an application letter to the e-mail address: recruitment.afg@unfpa.org

UNFPA and MoEc reserve the right to appoint at the indicated or lower level and prior to the closing date. We will only be able to respond to those applicants in whom UNFPA /MoEc has a further interest.

Qualified women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Note: This is a NTA position based and supervised by the relevant departments in ministry; with joint appraisal by ministry and UNFPA. Contract/payroll management the post is outsourced to an NGO.