



United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is pleased to announce the following vacancy:

VACANCY NO: VA-CO-2020-09-05
OPENING DATE: 2 September 2020
CLOSING DATE: 16 September, 2020
POST TITLE: National Technical Coordinator
NUMBER OF POSITION: 1 (ONE)
CATEGORY: SC (SB4)
DUTY STATION: KABUL,
DURATION: One year

Afghanistan has weathered more than four decades of crises, some conflict related, and others natural or man-made disasters. Throughout those decades, the resilience of the people has been marked by perseverance, survival and the continued hope for a better future. The current COVID-19 pandemic has not only revealed the health challenges facing the country, but also the deeper underlying root causes of the grinding poverty, weak institutions, and inequalities that undermine efforts to improve the situation.

Lack of coordinated and coherent approach to data to underpin evidence-based strategic planning and programming has also become more evident. Despite the efforts of the National Statistics and Information Authority's (NSIA) to coordinate, there have been numerous surveys, assessments and data collection processes related to measuring the impact of COVID-19 on the lives of the most vulnerable, as well as the country's potential for economic recovery.

To that end, this initiative under this consultancy aims to leverage the existing strong UN-WB partnership to create a strong and reliable platform for the socio-economic and sectoral impact assessments necessary to ensure relevant and targeted interventions to save Afghanistan from further decline.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) is facing not only a humanitarian crisis that far outstrips its institutional capacity to cope, but also lingering political challenges as well as the prospect of negotiating for peace. As a result, the trust of the people in the ability of the Government to deliver on so many fronts is being fully tested, and it is essential that the Government has at its fingertips the data necessary to deliver services to those most in need, address perceptions of not delivering services, as well as build the country back.

This consultancy is linked to the project entitled: *Socio-Economic Impacts: Data Coordination for Informed Responses to COVID-19 in Afghanistan*. This project broadly aims to ensure joint evidence base programming with joint data analysis and enhancing joint assessment in both humanitarian and development situations. The main entry point for this consultancy will through the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) which co-chairs the

Data For Development Working Group (D4D WG)¹, with membership of UN entities, donors, International Financial Institutions, civil society organizations and government. The mandate of the group is to create improved data collection, analysis, coordination and coherence across partners and sectors, with the initial focus on identification of COVID related data activities and gaps.

How you can make a difference:

UNFPA is the lead UN agency for reproductive health and rights and delivers a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA's new strategic plan (2018-2021), focuses on three transformative results: to end preventable maternal deaths; end unmet need for family planning; and end gender-based violence and harmful practices.

UNFPA is seeking candidates that transform, inspire and deliver high impact and sustained results; we need principled and ethical staff, who embody human rights norms and standards, and who will defend them courageously and with full conviction; we need staff who are transparent, exceptional in how they manage the resources entrusted to them and who commit to deliver excellence in programme results.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the over-all guidance of the Country Representative and direct supervision of the Director of NSIA and UNFPA Deputy Representative, the National Technical Coordinator will undertake the following tasks:

- Manage and oversee the quality and timely implementation of the HDPP project and activities.
- Liaise with D4D WG, NSIA and UNFPA and brief them in a timely manner on progress and obstacles with regards to the implementation of the project work plan and the quality of the work conducted.
- Provide support to NSIA with focus on filling coordination gaps and, as needed, data gaps by topping up ongoing surveys and data analysis.
- In coordination with the D4D WG, NSIA and UNFPA substantively contribute to the development of a resource mobilization plan to continue to replicate multi-sectoral assessments and data collection
- Ensure accurate and timely submission of quarterly and annual activity progress reports to NSIA and UNFPA.
- Collect data and conduct monitoring and evaluation activities per UNFPA policies with participation of UNFPA staff where relevant.

¹ Members include: NSIA, MoPH, World Bank, Canada, European Union, DFID, UNFPA, UNCTAD, WHO, UNESCO, UNEP, UN-Habitat, IOM, OCHA, ILO, UN-Women, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, RCO, and REACH-Initiative (NGO). Other government and civil society members will be added in the coming months.

- Devote full time to the project coordination, implementation and act as an interlocutor between, NSIA and UNFPA
- Undertake any other tasks relevant to the project as required by UNFPA and NSIA.

Core Competencies:

- Values/Guiding Principles;
- Performance Management;
- Developing People/Fostering Innovation and Empowerment
- Working in Teams;
- Communication information and ideas/Knowledge Sharing;
- Self-Management/Emotional Intelligence and Conflict management/Negotiating and resolving disagreements;
- Analytical and Strategic Thinking/Results Orientation/Commitment to Excellence.

Functional Competencies:

- Advocacy/Advancing a policy-oriented agenda;
- Innovation and marketing of new approaches;
- Job knowledge/Technical expertise;
- Organisational leadership and direction;
- Leveraging the resources of national governments and partners/building strategic alliances and partnerships;
- Resource mobilisation; and
- Results-based programme development and management.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Master's degree, preferably in demography, statistics, economics, social sciences or population and development studies;
- Strong expertise in data collection, analysis, dissemination and utilization;
- At least five years of substantive experience relevant to the assignment;

- Experience in the preparation of project proposal is required;
- Experience in field data gathering or surveys/census operations is an advantage;
- Experience in conducting capacity assessments in developing countries is considered to be an asset;
- Excellent writing and communication skills. Fluent spoken and written English is required; and
- Excellent inter-personal and general communication skills.

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

Qualified women are particularly encouraged to apply.