



Title: National Environment Consultant
Duty Station: Juba
Start Date: 01 June 2016
Application deadline: 12 May 2016
Duration of consultancy: 11 months (01 June 2016 - 30 April 2017)

General Background of Project or Assignment:

The incumbent provides technical support on matters pertaining to the Sectors of Environment and Energy relating to the assistance to refugees, IDPs and returnees in South Sudan, as well as their surrounding host communities. The job requires direct contact with the target populations and relevant actors in assessing environmental/energy needs; and taking into account aspects of age, gender and diversity mainstreaming in the planning, implementation and evaluation processes; the target populations skills profile and political and socio-economic context; as well as to propose appropriate solutions to meet those needs.

The incumbent will be responsible for the implementation of UNHCR's SAFE ACCESS TO FUEL AND ENERGY (SAFE) Strategy in South Sudan. In that capacity, he/she will coordinate with specialists in the same area of expertise working for other UN Agencies in the country, and who are also part of the Inter-Agency SAFE Strategy for South Sudan. The incumbent will be required to work in collaboration with the Government, relevant UN agencies, UNHCR's partners and other stakeholders; and to coordinate closely with UNHCR's Programme, Protection and Technical units ensuring that UNHCR field operations reflect this strategy and that UNHCR's programmes are aligned with it.

The staff member is directly supervised by the Snr. Field Coordinator, UNHCR, who oversees the Sectors of Livelihoods, Energy and Environment at the Country Office, and receives guidance and advice on technical matters from the relevant Units at HQ, especially DPSM/OSTS.

Purpose and Scope of Assignment:

The Environment Consultant's role will be to:

- Stay abreast of the challenges posed by environmental degradation and shortage of fuel in the areas of UNHCR operations impacting on the peaceful coexistence between refugees/IDPs/returnees and host populations and advise the country-office senior management on corrective measures; stay abreast of UNHCR and UN SAFE strategies and environmental policies and apply them in the context of reintegration, local integration, peace-building and UN joint programming.
- Carry out energy and environment assessments of each location in which UNHCR operates within South Sudan to define requirements and documenting the current situation.
- Provide technical inputs and participate in relevant inter-agency programming processes, namely joint needs assessments, CCA/UNDAF, national development plan, or other joint programming, at national and sub-national levels, which lead to broader national or area-based recovery and development plans; ensure the inclusion of environmental needs of UNHCR's POCs into these plans.
- Manage a consultative process within the office and with external partners to successfully implement the UNHCR SAFE Strategy and to ensure its harmonization and complementarity with broader national or area-based development plans.
- Participate in UNHCR's operations planning; advise on activities to meet environmental/energy needs, with the ultimate goal to improve the sustainable use of the

shared environment and build peaceful coexistence through sound environmental interventions; and sustainably improve POCs safe access to fuel and energy, as part of the search for durable solutions; and ensure the inclusion of SAFE priorities into the country operation plan.

- Develop and maintain strategic partnership with development agencies, bilateral agencies, civil societies and the private sector to bring area-based environmental/energy interventions to communities hosting persons of concern.
- Participate in technical inter-agency coordination meetings on the SAFE Strategy and represent UNHCR in this forum, when appropriate.
- Promote global/UNHCR's policies, guidelines and standards on environmental conservation and safe access to energy as part of the durable solutions being pursued by UNHCR in South Sudan, with Office and partner staff.
- Liaise with the Division of Programme Support and Management/Operational Solutions and Transition Section (DPSM/OSTS) and other relevant offices at HQs and provide inputs into global policies, standards and indicators related to SAFE Strategy in a way that promotes peace-building in the areas of operation.
- Conduct training activities in the areas of environment and energy, aimed at building the capacity of UNHCR and partner staff to formulate and implement SAFE-related plans at the local level and effective partnership.
- Monitor SAFE-related activities, collect and analyse relevant technical data, in order to inform environmental programmes and evidence-based advocacy.
- Organize evaluations and/or reviews of UNHCR's SAFE-related programmes, in order to allow for informed revisions of operational priorities, including exit strategies.
- Participate in inter-agency joint project proposals and advocate for financial support to environmental interventions in UNHCR areas of operation, including provision of specialized briefings to donors.
- Provide technical guidance to staff and partners on environmental activities, such as reforestation, woodlots, windbreaks, tree nurseries, establishment of live fences; and agroforestry activities such as alley intercropping; as well as on activities related to safe access to fuel and energy, such as advise on types of Cook stoves, solar lanterns, solar street lights, solar pumps, etc; and exercise effective managerial oversight, direction, guidance and support, as required.
- Perform other duties as required.

Monitoring and Progress Controls:

The Environment Consultant will report to the Senior Field Coordinator.

Expected outcome:

Refugees and surrounding host communities enjoy peaceful coexistence based on the rational use of natural resources; sustainable agricultural practices; and continuous reforestation activities.

Refugees and surrounding host communities have safe access to sustainable and effective sources of energy guaranteed for their cooking and lighting needs.

Minimum qualifications and experience of the Individual Consultant (degree required, years of experience, field of expertise, language required):

- Advance University Degree in Energy and Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Natural Resources Management, Forestry, Agricultural Sciences or related fields.
- Minimum 10 years of field experience in the area of expertise.
- Excellent knowledge of English and Arabic.

- Fluency in English.

Interested candidates should submit a **Motivation Letter, UN Personal History Form** and scans of relevant **University degree(s)**.

The set of documents is to be sent to:

Margarida Fawke
Senior Field Coordinator
UNHCR Representation Office
Ministry Road, Buluk Area
Juba, South Sudan

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

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