

Short Term Consultants – Prabridhi (LED)

Swisscontact is the business-oriented independent foundation for international development cooperation. Represented in 36 countries with over 1400 employees, it promotes - since 1959 - economic, social and environmental development. Swisscontact seeks applications from qualified candidates for the following position:

Short Term Consultants – Prabridhi / Local Economic Development (LED)

Assignment Period: March 2019 to January 2020

Work Load: 15 to 25 days

Place of work: Dhaka, Bangladesh (with frequent visits to field locations)

The Local Economic Development (LED) project, branded as Prabridhi, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Bangladesh has started an 18-month long pilot or inception phase in August 2018 in two selected municipalities of Bangladesh, where it has two broad objectives:

- a) test the capacity of municipality level institutions and the feasibility of the LED process through municipalities;
- b) based on the pilot experiences, design a scale up phase of the project with a national level anchor.

The objective of the assignment is to adapt LED tools, specifically those ones focused on Private Sector Development to the realities of Bangladesh and provide the project staff and external facilitators with a capacity to facilitate the introduction of the LED frameworks, structures and processes and implement them in the pilot municipalities and develop training toolkits accordingly. To complete the assignments the project needs several Short-Term Consultants to work on the following sectors:

LED toolkit design

Develop an LED toolkit using global LED instruments and tools inspired among others by the SDC approach and adapt them to the local (Bangladeshi) context.

LED Facilitation and Capacity Building

Provide training to project and local facilitators through demonstration and coaching using LED methods and principles inspired among others by the SDC approach.

Public-Private Partnerships

Provide advice on Public Private Partnerships using PPP within the LED context inspired among others by the SDC approach.

Project document development

Assist in the write up of the project document based on lessons learned from the pilot phase to the main phase.

Requirements

a) Academic Qualifications:

At least a Masters' Degree or higher education in a relevant discipline e.g. Economics, Local/ Regional Planning, Development Studies, Business Administration

b) Years of experience:

A minimum of five years of substantive relevant experience as an implementer, consultant, or researcher in LED

c) Competencies:

The following core competencies are required

- Solid understanding of LED, PSD / Value chain, conceptual frameworks, tools and methods
- Exposure to PACA approach (by Mesopartner) and tools would be very much appreciated
- Demonstrable knowledge and experience in private sector development (and possibly local government) and participatory methodologies
- Experience in PPP facilitation
- Familiarity with population development, and poverty and environment issues
- Good written and oral communication in Bangla and English
- Strong analytical skills
- Excellent English communication skills (verbal and written).

We offer you a challenging scope of duties with personal responsibility. Applications (in English) should be directed to: huraeen.ruhi@swisscontact.org by 28 February 2019. Please mention "EoI- Consultancy in LED" in the email subject line and mention your proposed daily rate (in USD/CHF/BDT). We will review your CV and daily rate to make a short listing of consultants. If you are short listed we will contact you for further negotiation with detailed Terms of Reference (ToRs).