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PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2/AICSMAPUTO/2021

INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL EXPERT

Profile: Administrative and Financial Expert

Programme: "DELPAZ - Local Development for the Consolidation of Peace in Mozambique" (hereafter referred to as "the Programme"), financed by the European Union and implemented by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) for the Provinces of Manica and Tete.

Applicable regulations:

Law of 11 August 2014 n.125, entitled "*Disciplina generale sulla cooperazione internazionale per lo sviluppo*".

The decree of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAECI) of 22 July 2015 n. 113 "*Regolamento recante -Statuto dell'Agenzia italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo- ed in particolare in capo terzo, articolo 11, comma 1, lettera c)*".

Resolution of the Joint Committee of 19 November 2019 n. 101 "*Criteri e modalità per la selezione di personale non appartenente alla Pubblica Amministrazione da assumere con contratto di diritto privato a tempo determinato disciplinato dal diritto locale di cui all'articolo 11 comma 1 lettera c) dello Statuto AICS*".

Mozambique's Labour Law n.23 of 1 August 2007.

The **AICS Maputo Regional Office** intends to recruit an **Administrative and Financial Expert** of the Programme Management Unit (PMU) responsible for the implementation of the Italian component of the Programme.

PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The European Union's strong commitment to Mozambique's October 2019 Peace Agreement has motivated funding by the 11th European Development Fund for a comprehensive framework comprised by several interventions, including: (1) Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR), (2) National Reconciliation, (3) Decentralization, and (4) Socio-Economic Rehabilitation through support to livelihoods in conflict-affected areas (DELPAZ – Local Development for the Consolidation of Peace in Mozambique). The Sub – Programme for the Provinces of Manica and Tete of DELPAZ contributes to the implementation of the fourth pillar of the EU Programme.

The **overall objective** for this pillar is "**to contribute towards consolidation of peace at subnational levels in Mozambique**". The specific objectives reflect the two main components of the pillar: **local governance** (SO1, "to enhance inclusive local governance in selected provinces and conflict affected districts") and **economic recovery** (SO2, "to improve the livelihoods of rural communities in conflict affected districts,



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with a special focus upon women and disadvantaged groups”), focusing on Sofala, Manica and Tete Provinces. The implementation modalities established by the EU Delegation in Mozambique foresee Indirect Management with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) for SO1, and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) for SO2. These three Actions are funded under the same Description of EU Action Document (CRIS number: FED/MZ/2018/041-899) and will be implemented in close coordination under the same institutional umbrella.

AICS has been tasked with the implementation of SO2 in selected Districts of Manica and Tete Provinces. To this end, the AICS Action will work through local structures to enhance livelihood opportunities in six selected conflict-affected districts: 4 districts (Guro, Tambara, Barue and Macossa) in Manica and 2 (Moatize and Tsangano) in Tete. AICS Action will promote investments in climate-resilient small-scale infrastructure and agricultural technologies and practices aiming at increasing farmers’ resilience to climate change impacts, natural disasters and other crises, and encourage inclusive market-led initiatives. The expected outputs are: (2.1) Enhanced public investment and service provision in selected districts and rural municipalities; (2.2) Increased adoption of climate-smart and productivity-enhancing agriculture technologies and practices by conflict-affected communities; (2.3) Enhanced market integration and off-farm economic activities of conflict-affected communities.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Duty station: Maputo with short-term missions to Manica, Tete, Sofala and other Provinces, according to the security situation.

Contract and Remuneration: salary, benefits and other conditions are offered in accordance with AICS rules and regulations, in particular: "*Criteria e modalità per la selezione di personale non appartenente alla Pubblica Amministrazione da assumere con contratto di diritto privato a tempo determinato disciplinato dal diritto locale*" as provided for by the *Delibera CC n. 101* dated 19 November 2019 and will be determined on the basis of professional seniority, specific professional qualification and level of competence in relation to the responsibilities and specific tasks that the successful candidate will be required to perform.

Duration: 24 months – including a two - month probation period – with possible extension subject to needs, availability of funds, satisfactory performance and duration of the Programme.

Expected start date of employment: at the end of the recruitment process.

1. KEY FUNCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL EXPERT

Under the overall supervision of AICS Regional Representative in Maputo, the direct supervision of the Programme Coordinator, in close collaboration with the PMU team, the **Administrative and Financial Expert** supports the correct legal/administrative/financial management and reporting of the Programme.

In particular, the Administrative and Financial Expert:

1. Ensures proper administrative and financial implementation of the Contribution Agreement in



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- relation to the application of the EU financial instrument of reference and the accounting procedures required;
2. Contributes to the financial management of the EU-funding flows and assists the PMU and the Administrative Office in the following tasks: registration of inbound and outbound flows, the accounting and payment of expenditure, financial monitoring of expenditure trends and reporting, currency movements and contract registration, in the dedicated accounting system(s) and elaborates related reports;
 3. Initiates and coordinates procurement processes in close collaboration with the Programme Coordinator, including the preparation of tender procedures documentation accompanied by the relative explanatory report – for awards below and above the EU threshold (call for tenders) in compliance with the Italian Procurement Law, AICS regulations and the Procurement and Grants for European Union External Action (PRAG). Formulate tender specifications (Terms of Reference) in close collaboration with the PMU and other technical experts;
 4. Provides administrative support to the tender evaluation committees, prepare contracts documents accompanied by an explanatory report, monitor the execution and closure of contracts and coordinate the preparation of any related documentation;
 5. Initiates expenditure execution operations with regards to procurement and grant contracts signed by AICS;
 6. Supports the performance monitoring of procurement contracts and grant agreements and in checking their accounts;
 7. Supports the financial monitoring of grants and verifies the grant beneficiaries' financial statements and assists grant beneficiaries in their expenditure reporting processes;
 8. Contributes to the preparation of the annual and final financial reports and supports the Programme Coordinator in any other administrative and financial reporting task (internal/AICS HQ and external/EU) and during the Audit procedures;
 9. Contributes to AICS expenditure reports and prepares the requests for payment to accompany each Annual Report to the EU;
 10. Provides overall technical and operational support to the work of PMU, including the preparation of technical documents and reports;
 11. Contributes to partner and stakeholder relationships, including liaison with the EU Delegations/Headquarters, Programme Governing Bodies, as well as with the concerned Mozambican stakeholders at central and local level;
 12. Interacts with companies / consultants / for matters within competence and in close consultation with the Administrative office of the AICS Regional Office, interact with the EU delegation for matters within competence;
 13. Performs any other duties as required.

Prohibition to engage in other activities: The selected candidate must not have carried out, during the last three years, any business activity in the country of service, or be in a situation of conflict, even potential, of interests that undermine the impartial exercise of the functions, as provided for in Article 53 of Legislative Decree no. 165 of 2001, referred to in Law No. 190 of 2012 and by the Code of Ethics and Conduct of AICS referred to in point 7 below. The Administration reserves the right to verify, under penalty of exclusion, the compliance of what has been declared in this regard by the selected candidate.

2. REQUIREMENTS



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2.1 Essential Requirements:

Candidates will be considered eligible for selection on the basis of the following **essential requirements**, to be fulfilled by the deadline for applications:

- 2.1.1 Age not exceeding (at the time of signing the contract) that required for retirement by local regulations or by Italian regulations for candidates subject to the Italian social security system (67 years);
- 2.1.2 Medically fit for employment;
- 2.1.3 Bachelor's level university degree in Business/Public Administration, Law, Economics, Political Science or similar field of study (level 6 European Qualification Framework EQF). Other degrees of the same level may be accepted when matched with highly qualified professional experiences in the administrative and financial management of projects in the humanitarian and/or development sector;
- 2.1.4 At least 5 years of relevant professional experience working with EU and/or international organizations, governmental and/or non-governmental bodies, in Accounting / Procurement / Finance and Administrative position;
- 2.1.5 At least 3 years of working experience in grant management and tender processes, thorough knowledge of rules, regulations and procedures in use by the EU (e.g. reporting obligations; PRAG) in developing countries with international organizations, governmental and/or non-governmental;
- 2.1.6 At least 1 year working experience with relevant accounting software;
- 2.1.7 Proficient in written and spoken English (C1 Level - Common European Framework of Reference);
- 2.1.8 Proficient in written and spoken Italian (C1 Level - Common European Framework of Reference);
- 2.1.9 Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office applications;
- 2.1.10 Not having sustained, in the three-year period preceding the date of expiry of the notice, an assessment of insufficiency in the assessment of work done/performed in the context of employment contracts signed with AICS offices other than Maputo.

2.2 Preferred requirements:

The following will constitute the preferred qualifications for the position:

- 2.2.1 Master's degree (University Master, PhD or other Higher Education Courses recognized in the sector of interest) additional to the minimum requirements indicated in point 2.1.3 above;
- 2.2.2 Proficient in written and spoken Portuguese (B1,B2,C1,C2 Level - Common European Framework of Reference), English (C2 - Common European Framework of Reference) and Italian (C2 -Common European Framework of Reference);
- 2.2.3 Previous working experience at the European Union's Institutions and/or Directorate General for Development Cooperation and / or the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation;
- 2.2.4 Similar professional experience carried out in the country of this assignment;
- 2.2.5 Knowledge of relevant AICS accounting software (e.g. GecoDeLue and Sigov).

Before submitting their application, candidates should assess whether they fulfil all the essential requirements specified in this vacancy notice. Professional experiences indicated in the curriculum



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vitae are accounted only from the time the candidate obtained the degree required for the position. Start and end dates of all previous positions and indication on whether they were full- or part-time should be clearly stated in the curriculum vitae. Details of any professional experience, training, research or studies must be provided in the application. Upon request, candidates must be able to provide supporting documentation clearly indicating the duration and nature of those experiences.

3. HOW TO APPLY

The submission of the application duly signed should indicate the number of the vacancy announcement. The applications should include:

1. Signed Legally Binding Statement (according to art. 46 of Italian D.P.R. 28.12.2000 n. 445) – as per the attached template, declaring:
 - a. Age not exceeding (at the time of signing the contract) that required for retirement by local regulations, or by Italian regulations for candidates subject to the Italian social security system (67 years);
 - b. Citizenship;
 - c. Being medically fit for employment;
 - d. Full enjoyment of political and civil rights;
 - e. Absence of convictions for any criminal offence and absence of any pending criminal charge both in Italy and abroad;
 - f. Not to have been dismissed, dispensed, declared lapsed or fired from employment in a public administration, both in Italy and abroad;
 - g. Not to be subject to compulsory military service;
 - h. Not having sustained, in the three-year period preceding the date of expiry of the notice, an assessment of insufficiency in the assessment of work done/performed in the context of employment contracts signed with AICS offices other than Maputo;
 - i. To have acquired the academic qualification required by the selection notice;
 - j. To have acquired the professional experience required by the selection notice;
 - k. To have a written and spoken knowledge of English language, at least level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
 - l. To have a written and spoken knowledge of Italian language, at least level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
 - m. To have knowledge and consistent effective use of the main Microsoft Office applications.

Any false declaration will incur on penal sanctions according to article 76 of Italian D.P.R. n. 445 of 28.12.2000, as subsequently amended and supplemented, facing immediate termination of employment and loss of any wrongfully obtained benefit.

The applications should also include:

2. Dated and signed Curriculum vitae in in English (Europass format), including authorization to process personal data ;
3. Dated and signed motivation letter in English;
4. Copy of valid passport.



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The applicants should also provide a telephone number and an email address for communications and must notify AICS Maputo of any change occurred after the submission of the application.

The applications duly dated and signed, and in non-editable pdf. format, should be submitted to the following email address: maputo@aics.gov.it by **2 February 2021 at 23:59:00 midnight (Mozambique time)**. The subject of the email must contain the vacancy announcement number **2/AICSMAPUTO/2021 - Administrative and Financial Expert**.

Please note that only complete applications (including documents 1, 2, 3, and 4) received within the deadline will be accepted and considered.

We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date, since heavy internet traffic or connection problems could lead to difficulties in submission. AICS cannot be held responsible for any delay due to such difficulties.

4. EXCLUSION FROM SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following defects will determine exclusion from the selection procedure:

- a) Applications lacking any of the essential eligibility requirements;
- b) Application received after the deadline stated in this announcement and using models other than those provided for in this announcement;
- c) Application documents (including annexes) not signed.

5. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Once the terms of validity of the notice have elapsed, the AICS Office in Maputo assesses the admissibility of the applications regarding the presence of the essential requirements and the absence of causes for exclusion. The exclusion is communicated to the candidates concerned.

Subsequently, the the AICS Regional Representative appoints a selection committee who meet the requirements for autonomy and impartiality with respect to the candidates. The committee assesses the merits of the applications by assigning a maximum overall score of 100 points according to the following criteria:

QUALIFICATIONS (Max 70 points)

Assessment of education, competences and professional experience, and possession of preferred requirements as indicated in the documentation submitted by the candidate, will be carried out according to the below parameters:

Education (*further qualifications than the essential ones required*) - **up to 10 points**

Language skills - **up to 10 points**

Professional experience – **up to 40 points**

Other qualifications or professional skills – **up to 10 points**



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INTERVIEW (Max 30 points)

Only candidates scoring minimum 40 points under "QUALIFICATIONS" will be included in the shortlist and invited for an interview.

However, the committee reserves the right to invite for an interview only the first 8 candidates according to the provisional ranking list.

The interview takes place via video conference (e.g. Skype, Zoom).

The interview shall be held in the languages indicated in the call for applications and shall assess the applicant's knowledge and experience, his or her ability to carry out the task in question, the language skills required and any other skills deemed necessary to assess the candidate's profile in relation to the post to be filled. The interview notice is sent by e-mail to the address indicated by the candidate at the time of application. Applicants shall not be entitled to reimbursement of any costs incurred in connection with the interview.

Final scoring

Candidates scoring at least 60 points at the end of the process will be included in the final list of retained candidates.

6. RESULTS OF THE SELECTION

Only the retained candidates will be informed via email of the results of the selection process.

The candidate with the highest score in the ranking list is offered the position via email. The ranking list remains valid for one year and can be extended for another year for motivated needs related to the implementation of the initiative. In case of a decline by the selected candidate or an early termination of the contract, the office reserves the right to appoint another candidate from the ranking list - if the necessary financial resources are available.

In the event of equal scoring, the youngest candidate will be preferred. The ranking list is published on AICS and AICS Maputo Office websites.

Due to essential service reasons, the candidate with the highest score in the ranking list must be able to take up service in Maputo not later than 1 month from the publication of the ranking on AICS websites. In case the availability is not granted, the office reserves the right to appoint another candidate from the ranking list.

7. PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

The submission of applications by a candidate implies consent to the processing of their personal data, including sensitive data, by personnel assigned to the custody and storage of applications and to their use for the purpose of the selection process

The AICS Regional Representative in Maputo is responsible in relation to personal data handling.

8. SUSPENSION AND PROTECTION CLAUSES

AICS reserves the right to cancel or delay the recruitment process at any stage and at its own discretion.