

SINDH CITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SCIP)

Term of References for Public Finance Specialist

1. Background to the Assignment

Government of Sindh has initiated “The Sindh Cities Improvement Program (SCIP)” with the assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) that aims to improve municipal services and development of major urban centers of Sindh. In the first instance, the program will be implemented in selected towns in upper Sindh (called Sukkur Cluster) and focus on improving Water and Sanitation services thereby helping to improve public health and quality of life in an innovative manner to sustain the investments in social/urban sectors. Later, in the program the same practices will be replicated in other urban centers in Sindh.

The other major objective of this program is to bring institutional reform through good management and engineering practices. The existing institutional setup of Government of Sindh will be strengthened by devising better investment processes and policies to facilitate the enhanced municipal services delivery. In this connection, a public utility organization called North Sindh Urban Services Corporation (NSUSC) shall be created, from where such practices shall be executed on sustainable basis. The NSUSC would be charged with execution of all investments in Water Supply and Sanitation and Solid Waste Management schemes within the designated coverage areas.

In this connection, a Program Support Unit- SCIP has been established in Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh. PSU will help to provide a base for developing processes, policies in WSS & SWM sectors, and will facilitate their application on the other urban centers of Sindh.

2. Key Qualifications

An individual suitable for this job should possess the following qualifications and background that facilitate work in the above mentioned tasks.

- He / She should have a Masters Degree preferably with majors in Economics/Development Economics, Public Finance or MBA.

The ideal candidate must have following experience:-

- 08-10 years experience in relevant field.
- Specific experience at least 3-5 years in the field of urban planning/development & town planning.
- Preference would be given to the candidate having experience in devolution or reform related assignments, Policy making and reviewing; preferably in Water Supply, Sanitation and Solid waste Management Sectors.

3. Duty Station

The Services will be performed principally at PSU SCIP Karachi Sindh, with frequent visits to Sukkur Cluster or later to the other Urban centers of Sindh.

4. Inputs

The services will require 36 person months. The Candidate will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of specialist and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB on the recruitment of domestic specialist. Services would be engaged through 12-month contracts, renewable upon satisfactory Annual Performance Review.

Scope

The Specialist will assist Government of Sindh in addressing issues related to financial management of the investment made in water supply, sanitation and solid waste management sectors .GoS will provide capital funds to NSUSC for infrastructure development and operation funds for the operation and maintenance of the services. He shall review all the financial statements and control the fund flows to the NSUSC.

5. Duties and Responsibilities

- Review all program documents; assist SCIP for the preparation of PC-1 and the implementation of program.
- Review, analyze and offer comments on the financial model of NSUSC and subsequently suggesting for other USCs
- Periodically review the financial statements of NSUSC and suggesting government of Sindh for course of action
- Devise and facilitate the mechanisms for the following functions
 - a) Disbursement of salaries of TMA seconded staff to NSUSC,
 - b) Capital financial transactions to NSUSC for the development of Infrastructure and operational support funding to NSUSC
 - c) Assist SCIP in managing flow of funds and develop linkages with provincial budgetary system
- Assist in the preparation of PC-I and PC-II of SCIP for the counter part funding from Government of Sindh
- Any other specific task assigned with in the scope of municipal planning & development

6. Reporting Relationship

The specialist will report to PD working at Programme Support Unit, Sindh Cities Improvement Program by submitting Monthly Progress Reports delineating all the activities undertaken during a month. Upon conclusion of the assignment the Urban Development Specialist will be required to submit an End of Assignment Report.

7. Outputs

- PC-I for the SCIP.
- Program review report.
- Preparation of the guidelines to ensure smooth transaction of funds for infrastructure development, operational support and salaries disbursement.
- Guidelines to tap funds from various sources for the development of municipal infrastructure through NSUSC.
- Periodic reports on implementation of program.