



Vacancy Announcement
GAMBIA PROJECT INT03X56 (3 POSTS)

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) is implementing the Project "**Managing Water and Energy Services for Poverty Eradication in Rural Gambia**" which adopts a holistic approach to promoting human security and reducing poverty in five villages of The Gambia. Towards this aim, the project links elements such as rural savings and credit, natural resource management, productive infrastructure development, increased agricultural productivity and human skills development with a central concern for community-level participation and decision-making. The project has three main components: (i) expansion of water supply and energy systems, (ii) creation of economic assets, and (iii) capacity building. All three components are inextricably linked and mutually supportive from the start of the project. To support the implementation of planned project activities, the UN DESA currently seeks to recruit three highly experienced professionals in the following fields.

Water Supply and Irrigation Engineer: Assessment of future water demands, design of water extensions schemes, land use planning for irrigation, training on water use and agronomic practices to the community-based organizations, technical strengthening of existing water committees, preparation of work plans, co-ordination with the community groups, dissemination of modern farming practices and use of modern irrigation technologies, creating opportunities for cooperative farming and marketing.

Enterprise Development Officer: Identification of income generating activities, training of local entrepreneurs and service providers in the area of rural water and energy related productive activities, contract management, business planning, developing partnerships with private sector and financial institutions. And linking local entrepreneurs to markets and credit institutions.

Social Mobilization Officer: Community organization and management in five selected large villages, raising awareness about project's scope and strategy, organization of community based meetings/ workshops, securing stakeholders support to implement socially acceptable solutions to make project interventions sustainable, implementation of well-targeted public awareness campaigns, analysis of stakeholders relative social influence and prestige, and analysis of value systems and incentives for their participation in project activities.

The appointment will be for an initial period of one year with possibility of extension for another year. Salary/benefits will be in line with the scales established for national professionals by the UNDP country office. All posts are based in Banjul with frequent travel to the project sites in The Gambia. The detailed TOR and requirements for each post can be accessed at the following website: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/tech_coop/water.htm . The candidates should hold an advanced degree in the fields relevant to the these posts. Experience in working at the community level is an essential requirement for these posts. The incumbent should be fluent in English as well in local language with excellent report writing capabilities. These post are open only for the Gambian nationals. Please send your applications with detailed CVs to the attention of: Ms. Binta Jabang, UNDP Office, Kofi Anan St, Cape Point, P.O.Box: 553, Banjul, The Gambia. Alternatively, submit your application electronically to: chaudhry@un.org. The deadline for submission of applications is 20 November 2003.