

We are hiring a
International Inspections Expert and BRS Reporting Trainer

Period of assignment: 01 December 2022 – 15 December 2023

Working place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan / Home based

Project: GEF 9421

Deadline for application: 30th November 2022

ABOUT US

FSD (Fondation suisse de déminage) is a Swiss non-governmental organisation specialising in humanitarian demining and the clearance of environmental hazards. FSD destroys mines and explosive remnants of war, clears sites polluted by toxic waste and supports peace and development in countries affected by armed conflicts.

FSD acts as National Delivery Partner for Tajikistan in the UNEP GEF project *Demonstration of non-thermal treatment of DDT wastes in Central Asia (Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan)* (Central Asia DDT project).

The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. **UNEP's GEF Unit in the Economy Division of UNEP** is the Implementing Agency (IA) for the Central Asia DDT project. The IA has the overall supervision of the project.

The **UNEP Europe Office's** main goal is to provide guidance to national governments at various levels and to take part in the dialogue on environmental issues between governmental authorities, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders. Europe office is the Executing Agency (EA) for the Central Asia DDT project. The EA ensures that all activities, including procurement of goods and services, are carried out in strict compliance with the rules and procedures of UN Environment and GEF, and ensures coordination between the countries and consistent execution and reporting of national project activities.

Policy and legal frameworks baseline

Neither Kyrgyzstan nor Tajikistan has a separate system in place for the collection or management of hazardous waste. As the export of Persistent Organic Pesticides (POPs) as hazardous waste to European incineration plants is not possible under the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) regulations, any initiative on POPs disposal requires the establishment of a national disposal capacity. National legislation in both countries on production, transport and handling of hazardous waste and POPs is distributed over a wide range of laws and regulations, and the regulation of specific substances such as POPs is often missing. Obligations under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions (which both countries have signed) and other international treaties are not systematically translated into law.

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Environmental licensing and monitoring baseline

Both countries have national legislation and policies related to EIA which look at the potential impacts of a process or facility on the surrounding environment and people. Due to incomplete classification and cataloguing of waste types and the lack of proper recording, such rules are not effective for hazardous waste management. In principle, compliance assurance and enforcement are the responsibility of governmental environmental inspectorates. But inspectors in both countries need training to update their knowledge to keep up with new technologies that are being used, be able to carry out inspections at the required level, and be able to adequately address POPs risks.

JOB DESCRIPTION

As the project aims to carry out the project Environmental Impact Assessment and subsequent permitting and licensing for pesticide waste disposal technology in line with international best practices and national requirements, the role of the International Inspections and BRS Reporting Trainer is to develop guidance for environmental inspection and impact assessment for waste management activities and facilities following US and EU regulations and provide classroom and practical training for existing environmental regulators.

ROLES AND RESPONSABILITIES:

Key responsibilities and roles are outlined below:

- *Develop guidance for environmental inspection and impact assessment for waste management activities and facilities in line with best international practice.*
- *Provide classroom and practical training for existing environmental regulators including inspectors and other mandated state agents.*
- *Provide recommendations for the revision and update of existing training manuals and protocols; update of existing documents and templates; and reporting mechanisms.*
- *Carry out training that shadows international experts in the monitoring of Component 1 treatment activities and periodic visits to the project sites to build capacity on strategic issues*

REPORTING:

The incumbent International BRS Reporting Trainer reports directly to the FSD Central Asia Projects officer and functionally reports to the UNEP project manager (UNEP regional office in Europe is an executing partner of the project). The incumbent will prepare a work plan for the duration of the contract. Each quarter, in order to account for adjustment of priorities, the work plan will be reviewed jointly with the UNEP Project Manager. A concise progress report on the delivery of the work plan will be prepared at the end of each calendar month to monitor and identify issues.

LOCATION AND TRAVEL:

The role is home based but will involve several trips to Dushanbe and Bishkek, including:

- One trip to Dushanbe for National Inspection Training in Dushanbe to provide classroom and practical training for existing environmental regulators including inspectors and other mandated state agents.

- One trip to Bishkek for the National Inspection Training in Kyrgyzstan (as above)¹
- Two trips to Tajikistan for practical training including shadowing international experts in the monitoring of Component 1 activities
- Two trips to Kyrgyzstan for practical training including shadowing international experts in the monitoring of Component 1 activities

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE

Education: Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Environmental Law, Environmental Sciences and or a related field is required. A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work Experience: At least 5 years of working experience as a licensing / BRS reporting expert is required, desirably in the framework of GEF financed Chemicals and Waste projects. Experience in the implementation of POPs and hazardous waste projects in Central Asia or other Former Soviet Union countries would be an asset. Experience working on technical projects including gender mainstreaming, women empowerment and/or youth development is desirable and will be an asset.

Languages: Fluency in English, including good drafting/writing skills is required. Working knowledge of Russian is desirable.

Other skills: Excellent management of office computing tools including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and data analysis and standard statistical techniques. Good verbal communication skills with proven ability to liaise with external stakeholders in Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Competencies: Detailed-oriented, organized, methodical approach to work, work prioritization, establishment and maintenance of effective working relations within a multicultural working environment.

Female candidates, minorities, and persons with special needs are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

GENERAL:

- Work within the framework of the project partners' shared values, promoting its ethos and mission statement; especially impartiality and non-political alignment.
- Work towards achieving FSD organisation and programme-level objectives.
- Stay informed of FSD global activities.
- Ensure familiarity with and adhere to all FSD policies and procedures.
- Participate in meetings, networks and seminars as and when requested by HQ Operations Geneva.
- Participate in FSD training activities as and when requested by HQ Geneva.
- Undertake the role in a manner appropriate to respective cultural contexts and within all local legal frameworks.

¹ UNEP might decide in a later stage during the project implementation to organize both Nation Inspection Trainings as one combined regional training in the UNEP Regional Office in Almaty Kazakhstan.

- Undertake any other duties appropriate to the post as may be required.

OBJECTIVES, OUTPUT EXPECTATIONS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

The objective of the work is to support UNEP and the project's National Delivery Partners (FSD in Tajikistan and the Ozone Center in Kyrgyzstan) in the implementation of the project regarding the capacity building activities for national environmental inspectors in environmental licensing and monitoring in line with international best practices, relevant international conventions and treaties and the approved project document.

More specifically, the project aims to:

- Develop Guidance on environmental licensing and impact assessment for waste management activities and facilities in line with best international practice;
- Provide classroom and practical training for existing environmental regulators including inspectors and other mandated state agents (inspection Training).

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please email your CV and a cover letter to jobs@fsd.ch (Subject: International Inspections Expert and BRS Reporting Trainer). **Deadline for application: 30, November 2022.** Only candidates who correspond to the specific requirements in terms of skills and experience will be considered. FSD implements a Gender and diversity policy and is an equal opportunities employer.