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Public Finance Expert – Consulting services for “Feasibility study and pre-operationalization of solutions”

Skat Consulting Ltd. is looking for a **Public Finance expert**, experienced in the areas of **public finance** and **Social and affordable housing financing schemes** for the specific position of a **Public Finance advisor** to the team to provide consulting services for “Feasibility study and pre-operationalization of housing solutions and provision of technical assistance for the implementation of the solution”. The project is funded by Agence française de développement (AFD) and implemented by the City of Kigali. These consulting services are currently under **tender**.

Skat Consulting Ltd. (www.skat.ch) is a Swiss consulting company with more than 40 years of track record of successful, high-impact actions and partnerships, adding value to companies, organizations, and government agencies at home and abroad. We are renowned as independent resource centre and consultancy working in the fields of development cooperation and humanitarian aid, covering four main topics: Governance, Water, Construction and Energy & Climate. We have strong experience in implementing development interventions; since more than 15 years, we are e.g. supporting SDC funded interventions in local governance and public services. We are leading a strong partnership of actors and are in an excellent position to bid for the programme in question with a country office in Kigali.

Project summary: The Government of Rwanda has requested the support of AFD and the EU to finance the upgrading of Kagugu and Rwezamenyo, two of Kigali’s unplanned settlements, as part of its strategy for the upgrading of current informal settlements. The Kigali Informal Settlements Upgrading projects (KISUP) aims to improve access to inclusive, resilient and safe infrastructure and social services for all residents of Kagugu and Rwezamenyo, and to define, test and evaluate a legal framework, as well as architectural and technical standards aimed at improving, densifying and building low-income Social and Affordable Rental Housing in currently unplanned settlements.

Duty station and contract duration

- On-site and off-site (tbc)
- Public Finance Expert, (50-80%)
- Project duration: 12 months

Tasks of the team leader

Under the supervision of the team leader and in collaboration with the COK-SPIU team (the Consultant team in charge of development of the housing legal framework) and the Urbanization & Housing Directorate of MININFRA, the Public Finance expert shall be responsible for following among others:

- Analyze and adapt the provisions on the financing of Social and Affordable Rental Housing programs (government subsidies, tax incentives, reduced rate loans, etc.);
- Issue preliminary concept notes/papers and proposals for setting Public Private Partnership dedicated to Social and Affordable Rental Housing funding;
- Identify Social and Affordable Rental Housing financing opportunities;
- Develop format for Social and Affordable Rental Housing O&M annual financial reports;
- Elaborate standard financing plans for typical KISUP Housing sub-projects.

Requirements

- A master's degree in business administration, Public finance, or economics with a minimum of 8 years of work experience or a bachelor's degree in similar fields with a minimum of 15 years of work experience.
- Shall have acted as a public finance expert on at least 2 previous projects similar in scale and content to this one;
- Proven experience in developing the social & affordable housing financing scheme;
- Mastery in negotiation with Finance Institutions and private investors.
- Mastery in government regulations, fiscal policies, and public sector accounting
- The mastery of the local banking sector practices is an added value;
- Fluency in oral and written English.

We offer attractive remuneration and working conditions as part of Skat Consulting's dedicated and dynamic team.

Application: Please send your application, including a CV highlighting the experience relevant for the assignment, by email and with the subject "**Application Public Finance Expert (KISUP)**" to jobs@skat.ch as soon as possible, but **latest on 17.03.2025**.

Further information and terms of reference for the project can be obtained from fabienne.hugi@skat.ch