

Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), Afghanistan Consultancy announcement

Position Title: Short term Assignment for Financial Management Mentor and Consultant

No of Position: 01

Duty Station: Kabul and Badakhshan

Announcing Date: 30/07/2023

Closing Date: 12/08/2023

Vacancy Number: CS/KBL/07/23/048

The Aga Khan Foundation, Afghanistan (AKF (Afg)) is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a group of international, private, non-denominational development agencies working to improve living conditions and opportunities for people in some of the poorest parts of the developing world. The Network's organizations have individual mandates that range from the fields of health and education to architecture, rural development and promotion of private-sector enterprise and institutions that seek to empower communities and individuals, usually in disadvantaged circumstances, to improve living conditions and opportunities.

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a non-denominational international development agency established in 1967 by His Highness the Aga Khan. Its mission is to develop and promote creative solutions to problems that impede social development, primarily in Asia and East Africa. Created as a private, non-profit foundation under Swiss law, it has branches and independent affiliates in 19 countries.

AKF seeks to provide sustainable solutions to long-term problems of poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and ill health. In Afghanistan, AKF works with rural communities in mountainous, remote or resource poor areas to improve quality of life in the areas of natural resource management, market development, governance, education, and health.

1. Project Background

Accelerate Prosperity Afghanistan:

Accelerate Prosperity (AP) was launched by Aga Khan Development Network as a joint initiative of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) and the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development's Industrial Promotion Services (AKFED IPS) in 2016. It was established in Pakistan and Tajikistan in 2016 and subsequently in Kyrgyzstan in 2018. AP Afghanistan establishment in 2021. AP's mandate is to facilitate the creation of sustainable and commercially viable small and growing businesses in emerging markets. AP Afghanistan provides the following services for startups and SMEs; these programs are run on a cohort basis in-person.

Business Incubation:

This program is designed to help startups launch their products and services, the program includes tailored ideation, business training, advice, mentorship and coaching on business modelling, marketing, financial modelling, pitch making and etc.

Business Acceleration:

This program is designed to help the small and growing businesses with growth potential to scale up their operations and or launch new products and enter a new market. The program comprises tailored business training and advice on growth, investment readiness, business planning, management, governance and scaling strategies.

Business Financing:

AP Afghanistan provides financing facilities for growth potential and scalable businesses which can increase the job creation and economic growth in the market. The financing is in the form of patient financing and investment up to AFN 4.5 million (and up to AFN 45 million in special cases) and for up to 10 years on discount rates. Debt, equity and quasi-equity instruments are used for deployment.

2. Rationale

AP Afghanistan currently provides advisory and mentorship training to startups and SMEs mainly in Kabul and Badakhshan through internal business trainers and coaches. In order to provide high quality financial management mentoring including bookkeeping and financial reporting.

This financial management mentoring will improve the bookkeeping and financial literacy skills of the entrepreneurs including financial reporting using accounting software.

3. Scope of work

The financial management mentor will be mainly responsible for mentoring entrepreneurs on bookkeeping and financial literacy skills which will ultimately result in understanding the entrepreneurs of development of financial model.

The objectives of this mentoring shall be the entrepreneurs learning and application ability of the bookkeeping and financial reporting using a digital accounting/finance platform.

4. Work Location (s)

Kabul / Badakhshan

5. Key Deliverables

Following is the key deliverable of this mentoring program:

- Mentoring on bookkeeping of financial records in a digital platform.
- Financial management and financial model.

6. Methodology

The mentor will be reached out for each assignment separately and the mentor will be providing the services based on need, on-site visits and off-site services.

7. Qualifications Required

- A financial/accounting firm or professional with at least 3 years of experience with reputed international organizations.
- Fully equipped with equipment and software required for mentoring of bookkeeping.
- Experience in professional financial management and mentoring.
- Can travel within Afghanistan where program requires.

8. Timeline / Work Plan

15-August-2023 to 31-Dec-2023, with possibility to extend.

Application

Interested firms or individual should submit their proposal to Jobs.Afghanistan@akdn.org no later than 12th August 2023. For more technical information and query please contact Mr. Shujauddin Jalali at: shujauddin.jalali@akdn.org on or before the cutoff date.

Important Points:

- Please quote the Vacancy Number as the Subject of the e-mail when applying.
- Please submit the resume of the responsible individual along with the company license when applying.
- Only shortlisted proposals will be contacted for further assessment.

Aga Khan Foundation Afghanistan recruitment and selection procedures reflect our commitment to equal opportunity and safeguarding of children, beneficiaries, partners, community members and employees in accordance with AKF(Afg)'s safeguarding policy. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Your details and information shared in this advertisement shall remain confidential.