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Senior Expert to support Local-Self Governance and Decentralisation Reforms in the Republic of Armenia

We are extending our engagement to the Republic of Armenia and are looking for an experienced Senior Expert to join our team and to be stationed in Yerevan.

You will be responsible for advising and providing technical support to an upcoming 2 year project in Armenia, and the role is specifically aimed at providing advisory services to the development of the education component of the project. The project is anticipated to take place both in Yerevan and across Armenia, and will involve close collaboration with a broad selection of stakeholders both at national and local level, municipalities and international donors. You will work in close cooperation with our Stockholm management and under the supervision of our Project Manager. The role may include frequent travel.

Location: Yerevan.

Duration: The contract is for 24 months (depending on funding being approved by the donor).

Contract type: Long term project-based.

Start date: 1 July.

The overall objective:

To ensure strategic focus and focus on results, develop and maintain contacts with key stakeholders within the area of education decentralisation in Armenia, organise and oversee implementation of the relevant project component.

Main responsibilities:

- Lead the component on education decentralisation and ensure that all activities related to the development of the School-Municipality Nexus is implemented in line with project objectives.
- Develop and conceptualize strategic support measures. Identify needs, demands and priorities in areas for potential project response and interventions within the education component.
- Together with the Team Leader, maintain ongoing communication with partners, donors and critical stakeholders within the area of education decentralisation.
- Follow and report on developments of reforms in Armenia in the area of educational reform; particularly within the framework of administrative-territorial and local self-government reforms and ensure that the project maintains a high level of quality results.
- Support and implement project planning and budgeting for the education component of the project.

- Assist in identify and supply the project with suitable local competence including relevant contacts and networks with the education sector.
- Establishing and maintain contacts with key Armenian stakeholders across line ministries, parliamentary standing committees in the area of education reform and where relevant.
- Establish contacts and liaise with donors and other international stakeholders, including the Swedish Embassy in Yerevan
- Monitor and report progress of the education project component in line with SALAR Internationals established routines and frameworks for result monitoring and reporting.

Other tasks:

- Provide inputs for project's communication strategy related to the education component
- Assist with design of any potential follow-up project ideas and proposals

Who you are:

To succeed in this job, self-leadership in planning, prioritizing, accompanying and follow-up are key requisites. You must think and act long-term and strategically and take decisions to reach the project objectives. You are creative and have strong problem-solving skills. You build trust with those you work with and empower others to participate and influence. Experience with project development and process management is an asset.

You enjoy collaborating with a broad range of actors and you are skilled at creating and maintaining relationships over time where you also value the opportunity to learn from others. You have well-developed communication skills. You enjoy working in an inter-cultural setting, you are reflective and self-aware.

Qualifications:

- Master-level degree in a relevant field, preferably in education, political science, community planning and sustainable development or equivalent knowledge acquired in another way.
- Excellent understanding, knowledge and experience of good governance principles and public sector reform, preferably including both national, regional and local levels.
- Experience working with local governance and decentralization is a merit.
- Working experience from international development cooperation projects, preferably in Armenia.
- 7-10 years' experience in a senior advisor role or equivalent within the area of development cooperation.
- Experience in or with a municipality, region, municipal association or state authority is an advantage.
- Knowledge of integrating gender equality and rights perspectives into project work.
- Fluency in Armenian and English (verbal and written communication) is a requirement.

SALAR International is a value-based organization, guided by the fundamental principle of equal value and respect for each other. We value knowledge and we are curious and want to learn from others' perspectives and experiences in order to develop our work. We have the courage to stand up for the solutions that we believe will deliver sustainable results.

Application: As soon as possible but not after 1 July 2024. SALAR will assess applications during this period and reserves the right to finalise the recruitment process before the deadline.

Send your application with CV and a short cover letter (indicating your location and mark the email with Senior Expert Armenia) to opportunity@salarinternational.se before 1 July 2024.

Contact: shane.quinn@skr.se for questions. Interviews will be conducted on an ongoing basis and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.