

Senior Officer, Green Cities Project Lead

Readiness Support for Developing Myanmar's Green Cities Investment Plans

Location : Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Contract Type : Individual Contractor (ICA)
Grade : X9, International
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INTRODUCTION

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), based in Seoul is an intergovernmental organization founded to support and promote a model of economic growth known as "green growth", which targets key aspects of economic performance such as poverty reduction, job creation, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. GGGI works with countries around the world, building their capacity and working collaboratively on green growth policies that can impact the lives of millions. The organization partners with countries, multilateral institutions, government bodies, and private sector to help build economies that grow strongly and are more efficient and sustainable in the use of natural resources, less carbon intensive, and more resilient to climate change.

GGGI has a diverse portfolio of programs in developing countries around the world. These in-country programs, together with global products and services, focus on delivering results through an integrated approach of evidence-based green growth planning and implementation aligned to countries' development priorities. The organization also focuses on knowledge development and management activities which build a strong theoretical and empirical basis for green growth, while providing concrete options and guidance for policymakers; as well as building the conditions for public and private green infrastructure investments.

GGGI established its country program in Myanmar in March 2017 and is hosted by the Environmental Conservation Department within the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) in Nay Pyi Taw. GGGI is in the process of finalizing its 5-year Country Planning Framework, which will support policy implementation in national and sub-national government agencies and private sector investment opportunities in line with the NDC, Climate Change Strategy, National Sustainable Development Plan, and the Green Economy Policy Framework, among other policies.

GGGI has been endorsed by the Environmental Conservation Department to support the government in implementing a Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness program focused on Green Cities Investment Pipeline Development. This project will operate in four cities, with the objective of developing GCF project funding proposals in support of green infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improves resilience to climate change.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Senior Officer will lead implementation of day to day activities of the GCF funded Green Cities Readiness Project in 4 targeted cities in Myanmar. With support from GGGI and ECD teams, and identification of priority areas for the development of investment project pipelines in accordance with existing national policies and strategies.

The Senior Officer will oversee consultations for prioritization of green city investment priorities, engage with ASEAN regional policy networks to identify lessons learned, assess the roles of key government actors and other relevant stakeholders in the development of the green cities' investment plans. The Senior Officer will collaborate with key donors and agencies to support on GCF operations and target projects and conduct awareness raising for the private sector to enhance their capacity to access GCF in consultation with the government

PURPOSE

- Lead the implementation of ECD-GGGI Green Cities Readiness projects including planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting;
- Manage project recruitment, procurement, expenditures in line with GGGI procedures in consultation with government counterparts;
- Work with sector consultants and GGGI experts to conduct diagnostic activities for each of the 4 cities, and assess green city investment needs and impacts or potentials for selected sectors;
- Integrate GGGI's global strategies/thematic approaches into implementation of Green City Readiness project;
- Provide policy and investment advisory support to the Country Representative in identifying financing mechanisms and investment gaps in the priority sectors, generating bankable projects and promoting green growth;
- Support identification and formulation of synergies and partnerships with development partners in line with GGGI's Global Strategy and Country Planning Framework;

ENGAGEMENT

- Engage with government partner agencies and the private sector to promote enabling environments for development of economically viable, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable investments;
- Prepare briefing or communications materials for knowledge sharing to support internal and external briefings, about GGGI efforts in implementation of Green City Readiness project;
- Support stakeholder consultations and sensitization process for GCF Direct Access Entity nomination;
- Collaborate with GGGI Country Office Team, Thematic and Investment Teams based in HQ to deliver high quality technical expertise to counterparts;
- Build strong working relations with ECD, government counterparts and Project Implementation Team by organized program activities, facilitation of stakeholder meetings & workshops, capacity building programs;
- Build and maintain relationships with private sectors, development partners, UN agencies, NGOs/INGO, CSOs and stakeholders for information sharing, planning and building synergies;

DELIVERABLES

- Identify project delivery issues, ensure effective coordination of project activities and resources to ensure attainment of objectives against established timeframes;
- Develop documentation of project deliverables on Green City Development with two priority project concept notes for each city, results reporting throughout project management cycle;
- Lead stakeholder consultations, workshops and seminars and represent where appropriate as needed at relevant government networks sector forums, working groups, and development partners;
- Design and deliver capacity building, outreach events, workshops, conferences and trainings to counterparts, relevant stakeholders and private sector conducted in each city, and report with recommendations;

- Support capacity development of sub-national governments in the areas of identification of investment priorities and development of investment plans in Green Cities Development;
- Lead and develop assessment of program needs; government strategies and policy, and stakeholder analysis reports i.e. Green City Development Guidelines and partner priorities to assist in program design.
- Perform data collection and analyses to build and maintain country specific knowledge base.
- Capture lessons learned in project management to support refinement/improvement of existing policies and procedures.

Direct Access Entities' Nomination

- Criteria for identifying potential entities established.
- Long-list of potential DAE prepared.
- Awareness raising materials in English and Burmese prepared and workshops on opportunities, processes and requirements of engaging with the GCF conducted.

QUALIFICATIONS***Minimum requirement***

- Master's degree in international development, natural resources management, urban development, environmental economics or other area related to green growth;
- Proven technical expertise in integrated urban development and sectoral experience working in at least three green growth/ urban low-emissions development areas (urban planning, watershed management, energy, waste management, sanitation, transportation, housing, climate resilience, etc).
- Minimum 7 years' experience working in an international setting with an urban development relevant sector is required, preferably with substantive work experience with developing countries in an applied capacity;
- Minimum 5 years' experience in project management leadership, including project planning, implementation, financial oversight, M&E, reporting;
- Demonstrated experience in successful project proposal development in public and private sector and civil society stakeholder consultation for the implementation and development of urban and infrastructure projects;
- Excellent fluency in spoken and written English a must;

Preferred Qualification

- Experience with online project management financial reporting systems such as, such as Sharepoint and ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) is an asset.
- Knowledge of Green Climate Fund (GCF) Program priorities and operational modalities is an asset.
- Advanced knowledge of Myanmar language is an asset.

Notes: GGGI reserves the right to contract this staff position with internal and external candidates; both candidates are encouraged to apply. Women and minorities strongly encouraged to apply. Contracting contingent upon government approval of project MOU.

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