Consultancy on a Settlement Report

SSA Contract
Jerusalem / OCHA oPt
VA# 2011-002

Contract: SSA Contract
Duty Station: Jerusalem
Duration: Three months
Starting date: Immediately

Background
As part of its ongoing monitoring of, and reporting on, the humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, OCHA plans to produce a report examining the phenomenon of the takeover of water springs in the West Bank by Israeli settlers. This report will aim at providing an accurate account of the main characteristics of this practice, including the role of the various Israeli authorities, as well as its humanitarian impact on the Palestinian population. The latter would be addressed from a broad perspective, which takes into account not only the reduction in access to water, but also the reduced control over space and its related impact on livelihoods. The present consultancy is required to support the research for this report.

Duties
Under the supervision of the head of OCHA’s Research and Analysis Unit, the consultant will be responsible for conducting research on the abovementioned phenomenon. Tasks will include:

- Identifying and mapping all water springs that have been taken over by Israeli settlers, or regarding which measures for that purpose are in process.

- Building a short file with relevant information for each water spring – including relevant dates, physical measures on the ground, bodies/institutions involved, sources of funding, status of the land, Palestinian communities affected, pictures, etc

- Drafting a 10-15 page report providing analysis on the evolution of this practice, the attitudes adopted by the Israeli authorities towards it, and its role in the context of other settler practices aimed at increasing control over West Bank space. The report should include 2-3 illustrative case studies

Required Qualifications

Education: B.A in Social Science, developmental studies or other relevant field.

Experience: 5-7 years of overall relevant experience. Expertise on Israeli Settlement policies and practices including field experience.
Other Skills: Strong research and writing skills. Basic knowledge of GIS software. Must be a self-starter, able to work independently as well as part of a team.

Languages: Proficiency in spoken and written English and Hebrew (knowledge of Arabic is an asset)

How to apply

For a full description of the post please visit the vacancies section on the OCHA – oPt website: www.ochaopt.org

All applicants are requested to email the completed United Nations Personal History Form (UN-P-11) and CV in English providing full details of education, present and past employment, language skills, computer skills, etc. to the OCHA oPt Office by using the following e-mail address: hr@ochaopt.org. The UN P-11 form can be found on OCHA’s website: www.ochaopt.org

It would be appreciated your stating your full name and the OCHA vacancy notice number (2011-002) as the subject in your e-mail application.

Only qualified candidates should apply and only those who have been short listed will be contacted.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 08 February 2011

Women are encouraged to apply