

Inclusive Socio-Economic Development Project (ISED)

Job Description – Livelihood Specialist Inclusive Socio-Economic Development in Beni Mellal-Khenifra

Location: Beni Mellal-Maroc

Position Description:

The Livelihood Specialist will lead the project livelihood component and work with the Chief of Party and Governance Specialist to ensure the integration of governance and economic growth during the project life. The Livelihood Specialist will design and facilitate implementation of activities that will promote private sector development and boost economic growth, including support for entrepreneurship, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and cooperatives, investment promotion and business climate reform.

The Specialist will:

- Provide private sector development support with expertise in market linkages, access to finance and business operations to help MSMEs and cooperatives to grow sustainably
- Provide technical guidance to improve the business climate environment for private-sector operators and attract investments
- Provide strategic and operational support to sectors with the greatest growth potential (e.g., agriculture/agri-business, tourism) to improve regional participation in higher value-added functions and integration into national and global value chains
- Coordinate closely with all project implementers and regional stakeholders, including the Regional Council, the Sultan Moulay Slimane University, the Agropole and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to implement coherent and integrated activities focused on youth, women and people with disabilities (PwDs).

The Livelihood Specialist is also expected to:

- Provide technical advice on and oversee the implementation of programming to increase livelihood transition opportunities. This includes capacity building, opportunities for skills development and increasing employment and self-employment opportunities in target communes
- Lead and provide technical guidance, supervision and support to all aspects of livelihoods (including strategic planning, budget management, implementation, and reporting)
- Develop livelihood promotion capacities among partners, and at the community level to sustain improvement and achieve social and economic inclusion of gender, youth and PwDs

- Liaise with relevant government agencies to ensure effective coordination, avoid duplication, share lessons and approaches for maximizing impact

Required Experience:

- Excellent understanding of the national and regional economic context in the BMK region
- Excellent knowledge of the advanced regionalization process and its financial, legal and other implementation challenges
- Strong ability and proven track record engaging stakeholders (government, private sector, civil society and educational institutions) to collaborate on participatory livelihood programs
- Demonstrated leadership, strategic thinking, training and team management skills
- Strong multi-cultural, inter-personal, and supervision skills
- Ability to deliver effective presentations and to write high quality analytical technical reports

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's degree required in, economics, finance, international development, or another related field
- Minimum of 8 years' experience in MSME development, business climate improvement, and economic strengthening activities
- Experience in activity design, quality assurance and performance assessment
- Experience with mobile technology, market information systems is desired
- Youth/women's entrepreneurship and value chain development experience highly desired
- Experience with adult learning methods and training facilitation
- Experience with capacity strengthening for staff and partners
- Familiarity with USAID programming, including rules and regulations required
- Professional proficiency in French and Arabic required; a good working knowledge of English strongly preferred

To Apply

Veillez soumettre votre candidature, accompagnée d'un CV, à l'adresse électronique suivante : Morocco.ISED@fhi360.org et mettre ce qui suit comme « Objet » de votre message : **Livelihood Specialist**

Le projet ISED BMK s'est fermement engagé à embaucher des femmes, des jeunes et des personnes en situation de handicap qualifiées et souhaiterait recevoir leurs CV ainsi que ceux d'autres personnes qualifiées.