



Aga Khan Foundation Canada

Program	MOUNTAIN SOCIETIES DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (MSDSP) TAJIKISTAN
Position	INTERNATIONAL TOURISM CONSULTANT – MSDSP TAJIKISTAN

Description	<p>Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is a non-profit international development agency, working in Asia and Africa to find sustainable solutions to the complex problems causing global poverty. Established in 1980, AKFC is a registered Canadian charity and an agency of the worldwide Aga Khan Development Network.</p> <p>Mountain Societies Development Support Program (MSDSP) Tajikistan is a locally registered NGO and a non-time-bound programme that was founded by Aga Khan Foundation Tajikistan. It was established to coordinate relief efforts and humanitarian assistance in Tajikistan's remote Pamir region in response to the food and agrarian crisis following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the ensuing civil war. Since 1993, MSDSP has been engaged in: participatory local governance; agriculture and natural resource management; rural infrastructure; small enterprise development; tourism; cross-border cooperation; access to capital and business development services.</p> <p>The Programme's focus is on Tajikistan's mountainous regions where most of the population is rural and mostly reliant on agriculture. MSDSP is striving to develop the tourism sector in Tajikistan to bring in tourists who would contribute to stimulation of the local agriculture production and create new job opportunities in the services sector.</p> <p>Position Description</p> <p>The overall objective of the position is to facilitate the capacity building of the State Youth, Sport and Tourism Committee of Tajikistan and promote effective tourism sector development and promotion of tourism destinations in Tajikistan.</p> <p>Key Responsibilities include:</p> <p>The incumbent will work with the Deputy Chairman of the Committee and through him will plan and implement capacity building activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To coach the committee staff and partners to develop a better understanding of international tourism and key elements of international destination marketing;• To continuously improve the understanding of the Committee about international tourism and hospitality, customers' expectations and how the Tajik government can contribute to improvement of the quality of tourism services in the country;• To improve the awareness and image of the country as a destination for tourists and visitors through implementation of relevant marketing and brand building approaches;• To enhance the co-operation between partners in tourism and hospitality sectors in
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	<p>developing and maintaining the Tajikistan brand;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide support to tour operators in Tajikistan in promoting their products and enhance the product quality to become competitive on international markets.
Location	Khorog, Tajikistan
Duration	1 year
Start Date	After October 2014
Qualifications and Competencies	<p>Ideal candidates will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters Degree or equivalent in a relevant field • At least 4-6 years' of relevant experience. • Excellent communications skills, both written and spoken • Excellent report writing skills, with proficiency in Microsoft suite • Strong relationship building skills and be a team players • Rich experience in working within the government sector related to the objectives of the position <p>MSDSP equally values work/volunteer experience and formal education, and is looking for a candidate with rich experience in working on capacity building of national government officials and politicians responsible for policy development related to tourism sector. A person with experience in the government sector related to the objectives of the position is most preferred.</p> <p>Assets include: Advanced English with conceptual understanding of tourism related terminology. Knowledge of Tajik or Russian is an added value.</p>
How to Apply	<p>Interested applicants are encouraged to submit an online application including their CV (not exceeding 3 pages), contact details of three professional references, example(s) of their written work and a covering letter explaining why they are best suited for the position.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Deadline: Friday Sept 26th, 2014 by 11:59pm EDT</u></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p><i>You must login or register to submit an application. If this is your first online application please refer to the F.A.Q section for steps on how to apply for a position on our career site. If you have previously applied to a position on our website; login using your e-mail address and password to access your profile. Once logged in, you will be able to see the status of your prior applications and apply for new positions.</i></p>

Please note: applications submitted by email, mail or fax will not be reviewed.

Please note that due to the nature of funding for this position, the placement is only open to Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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