

# Laboratory Technology Specialist

## Country of assignment and location

Afghanistan, Kabul

## Project / Field of activity

GTZ IS is currently recruiting experts for the EU financed tender: Provision of Technical Assistance to the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock to contribute to enhance the functionality of Afghanistan's Animal Health and Welfare Services".

The project will build on the achievement of the ongoing animal health development project (AHDP) and should particularly focus on the following fields: further definition of animal health and welfare policy, roles and responsibilities through OIE-compliant primary and supplementary legislation; improvement of standards in all areas of animal health service activity; progress towards full integration of para-professionals with the veterinary faculty, with a curriculum based around day-one competencies; establishment of structures to support private animal health service providers already demonstrating improvements in the quality and financial sustainability of their services.

The overall objective of the project is to the improvement of rural livelihoods (food security and farm incomes) and thus to the overall economic recovery of Afghanistan.

Following results to be achieved:

1. Core public functions, based on agreed policies, strategies and revised legal framework are being performed by the General Directorate of Animal Health
2. Standards in all areas of Animal Health Services improved through better coordination and quality control in 12 target provinces
3. Veterinary Faculty is progressing towards full integration of para-professionals with a new curriculum introduced based around day-one competencies, and supported by continuing education modules;
4. Economically viable production of selected livestock vaccines according to international quality and standards.

## Responsibilities

- Technical training and technology transfer
- Participating in and supervising surveillance / field investigation programme
- Laboratory bench work, diagnostic processes and laboratory supplies management ( good knowledge of EC implementation rules/constraints and particularly tendering and contracting procedures)

## Qualifications

- **University degree in Laboratory Sciences** from a recognized university / institute, or equivalent.
- min of 10 years of experience in establishing or strengthening national veterinary laboratory services in developing countries, but a minimum of 8 years is required;
- Proven experience in working with governmental institutions and familiar with conditions prevailing in veterinary laboratories from national through to provincial levels in developing countries (within the frame of one project at least);
- Experienced in laboratory bench work, diagnostic processes and laboratory supplies management – has been concretely working in a laboratory (preferably veterinary laboratory) for at least 3 years;
- Good knowledge of EC implementation rules/constraints and particularly tendering and contracting procedures (has worked on at least one long-term EC funded project);
- Experienced in technical training and technology transfer, participating in and supervising surveillance / field investigation programmes (has been involved in at least one development project having involved either a substantial technology transfer component or the organization of field veterinary investigations and surveillance);
- Previous experience of working in Afghanistan or similar post-conflict environment (at least for one project);
- **Fluency in English** is compulsory; **knowledge in Dari** would be a serious advantage.

## **Duration**

The intended **commencement date is 15 July 2010** and the period of implementation of the **contract will be 33 months** from this date.

## **Benefits offered**

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## **Application deadline**

until June 14th, 2010.