

ENERGY ECONOMIST / FINANCIAL EXPERT

Technical Assistance package for the Sustainable Energy Support Programme in Tajikistan

Terms of Reference for Short Term Expert	
Expert position	Energy Economist / Financial Expert
Expert Category	Senior Non-Key Expert
Mission start-end date	01.03.2024 – 13.11.2027
Minimum requirements	<p><i>Skills and qualifications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A University degree in Economics, Finance, or a related field. <p><i>General Experience</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent leadership and team management skills. ▪ Strong analytical, communication, and project management abilities. ▪ Fluency in oral and written English and working proficiency in Russian and/or Tajik languages. <p><i>Specific experience:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 12 years of professional experience in economics and/or finance ▪ Minimum of 3 years of specific professional experience in the energy sector, particularly in roles focusing on economic and financial aspects. ▪ Experience in guiding energy sector reforms, particularly in unbundling utilities and regulatory establishment. ▪ Strong knowledge in tariff setting mechanisms for electricity generation, transmission, and distribution. ▪ Proficiency in scenario development, investment project analysis, and financial statement auditing. ▪ Expertise in quantitative data collection, analysis, and tool design for performance monitoring and benchmarking. ▪ Familiarity with both local and international standards in the utility sector. ▪ Proven ability in organizational restructuring, tax compliance, and optimization. ▪ Experience in designing tariff applications and conducting customer capacity-building programs.
Duration / working days	UP to 600 working days
Task(s) assigned	<p>Guiding Energy Transition and Sector Reforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead initiatives for unbundling energy and water utilities. ▪ Play a pivotal role in establishing an independent energy regulator in Tajikistan. ▪ Advise on policies and strategies for sustainable energy development. <p>Utility Growth and Investment Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop scenarios for utility growth, considering economic and environmental factors. ▪ Conduct economic and financial analysis of investment projects in the energy sector. ▪ Assist in preparing investment project applications, ensuring alignment with EU standards. <p>Financial Expertise and Compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrate knowledge of international audited financial statements. ▪ Engage in quantitative data collection and analysis. ▪ Implement data gathering tools for economic and financial performance monitoring. ▪ Benchmark the electricity sector utilities against local and international standards. <p>Cost Verification and Control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oversee cost verification processes and implement control mechanisms.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Streamline organizational structures to enhance efficiency and reduce costs. <p>Tax Compliance and Optimization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ensure adherence to local tax laws and regulations.▪ Develop strategies for tax optimization while maintaining compliance. <p>Electricity Tariff and Customer Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Design electricity tariff applications that are fair and sustainable.▪ Lead customer capacity-building initiatives to promote understanding and support for tariff changes.
Output(s)	Inception, mission and progress reporting, etc. as requested