

TARIFF REGULATION EXPERT

Technical Assistance package for the Sustainable Energy Support Programme in Tajikistan

Terms of Reference for Short Term Expert

Expert position	Electricity Tariff Regulation 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, Regulatory Affairs, or a related field is essential. A Master's or Ph.D. degree will be a plus. ▪ A minimum of 12 years of professional experience in relevant fields ▪ Minimum of 3 years of specific professional experience in tariff regulation and economic analysis, with a strong focus on the electricity sector. ▪ In-depth knowledge of tariff setting methodologies, cost analysis, and regulatory frameworks relevant to electricity utilities. ▪ Proven experience in conducting tariff analysis, cost recovery assessments, and financial modelling. ▪ Familiarity with international best practices in tariff regulation and compliance. ▪ Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to develop and implement effective tariff structures. ▪ Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills, with the ability to convey complex economic concepts to non-technical stakeholders. ▪ Fluency in English, both written and spoken. Knowledge of Tajik or Russian languages is advantageous. ▪ Commitment to promoting transparent, fair, and financially sustainable electricity tariffs that benefit both utilities and consumers in Tajikistan, aligning with the objectives of the Technical Assistance Programme.
Duration/working days	Up to 410 working days
Task(s) assigned	<p>Tariff Framework Development: Develop and recommend electricity tariff structures and frameworks that align with the financial needs of utilities while ensuring affordability for consumers.</p> <p>Tariff Setting: Participate in the process of setting electricity tariffs, taking into account cost recovery, efficiency, and regulatory compliance.</p> <p>Cost Analysis: Conduct cost and tariff analysis to determine the appropriate level of tariffs that cover operating costs, investments, and ensure the financial viability of utilities.</p> <p>Tariff Review: Periodically review and adjust electricity tariffs to reflect changes in operating costs, fuel prices, inflation, and other relevant factors.</p> <p>Consumer Engagement: Engage with consumer advocacy groups and stakeholders to gather input and address concerns related to tariff adjustments.</p> <p>Regulatory Compliance: Ensure that electricity tariffs comply with national regulations and international best practices, promoting transparency and fairness.</p> <p>Tariff Communication: Effectively communicate tariff structures and changes to consumers and stakeholders, fostering understanding and acceptance.</p> <p>Capacity Building: Provide training and capacity-building support to local regulatory authorities and utility personnel involved in tariff regulation.</p>
Output(s)	Inception, mission and progress reporting, etc. as requested