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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL  
TECHNICAL ADVISOR (Seventh NSEDP)  
Fixed Term Appointment (FTA) - P5 Level**

***Initial Contract 12 Months (renewable); a Development Project Funded (DPF) post***

UNDP Lao PDR seeks qualified candidates for the post of Technical Advisor (TA) to the Lao Government, Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) to support the Department of Planning, which is responsible for coordinating the formulation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP). With the recent approval of the 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP, the challenge now is to strengthen capacity to monitor and review progress of NSEDP implementation, ensuring that MDGs and poverty reduction programmes are successfully incorporated into annual plans and budgets for improved human development at all levels. The TA, in cooperation with other advisors in the MPI support programme, will work closely with relevant MPI Departments, line ministries and provinces to ensure that the overall programme objectives are achieved.

**Duties and responsibilities**

- Support MPI, line ministries and provinces in incorporating gender sensitive poverty reduction and MDG targets in the 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP into annual plans, budgets and Public Investment Programmes (PIP).
- Improve capacity for gender sensitive local planning, implementation and monitoring,
- Improve gender sensitive M&E framework and enhance capacity of MPI, selected line ministries and two pilot provinces to monitor and report on plan implementation, using the Lao Info as a tool to facilitate monitoring
- Strengthen evidence-based research and analysis to inform the implementation of the NSEDP
- Ensure overall programme coordination and synergy among different programme components as well as with the Poverty-Environment Initiative

**Qualifications and experience**

- Minimum a Master's Degree in Economics or Development Economics
- At least 10 years of experience working with national development planning processes including PRSP, monitoring and evaluation at the national and sub-national levels, research and policy advocacy in developing countries
- Substantive experience in facilitating government-led ODA coordination in development planning, partnership building for development and resource coordination and integrating ODA into planning and budgeting in developing countries
- Extensive experience in research, analysis, reviewing and conducting assessment and developing practical recommendations to inform plan formulation and implementation
- Experience with related issues in Lao PDR or similar transition economy structure is an asset
- Strong English language communication skills, especially strong English language drafting skills. Ability to speak Lao is an asset

Detailed job description available in the Human Resources Office and  
<http://www.undplao.org/vacancies/>

The applicants are required to **Apply Online** via the website above  
Please apply by **13 May 2011**

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**Female candidates are encouraged to apply**  
**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview**