



## WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA

### Consultancy Opportunity

<b>Position Title:</b>	Consultant - Youth Economic Opportunities Myanmar
<b>Position Location:</b>	Myanmar
<b>Reports To:</b>	Advisor, inclusive economy
<b>Contract Term:</b>	12 days
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	ASAP

### Background

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a Canadian non-profit organization working to create a better world for all young people. We bring together a diverse network of students, volunteers, schools, governments, and businesses who share this vision. Together, we foster youth-centered solutions for education, economic opportunities, and empowerment to overcome inequality and exclusion in over 25 countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

WUSC is currently pursuing an opportunity to design and deliver a 7-year capacity building program focused on youth economic opportunities in Myanmar. The Program will mobilize skilled Canadian and South-South technical experts to develop the capacity of carefully selected Myanmar partner organizations to enable improved access to economic and empowerment opportunities for young Myanmar people, especially young women. Myanmar partner organizations will include those who employ young people, represent young women and/or provide services related to employment and income generation. These can include, for example, vocational training institutes, business incubators, youth organizations, financial intermediaries, or private employers that can provide jobs at scale.

Through this program, partner organizations will work with WUSC individually and collaboratively to achieve systemic changes for youth economic empowerment. The Program will support Myanmar partners through:

- Access to skilled Canadian volunteers on assignments ranging from 3 weeks to 12 months in length.
- Access to opportunities for institutional relationships, exchange and dialogue with WUSC partner organizations in Canada, Africa and Asia.
- Access to opportunities for formal structured training, conferences and other forms of capacity building in person and on-line.
- Access to competitive and responsive funding, including grants and investments, for innovative enterprises, organizations and mechanisms that have the capacity to scale their

services in a sustainable and inclusive manner with a focus on changing the lives of young women.

## Key Areas of Responsibility

The **consultant** will collaborate closely with WUSC staff to identify key sectors of intervention in Myanmar, identify initial partnerships and validate operational issues and costs required for initial planning. In particular, the consultant will organize a planning visit by WUSC staff to Myanmar scheduled for the week of **January 14th**.

In collaboration with WUSC staff, the consultant will:

### **Assist in the development of programmatic partnerships, including:**

- Support logistical arrangements for the planning mission, including scheduling meetings with relevant stakeholders and arranging transportation in and around Yangon;
- Accompany WUSC staff to meetings with all stakeholders;
- Organize a minimum of 2 stakeholder discussions with organizations that understand and/or represent the interest of marginalized youth;
- Organize a minimum of 2 stakeholder discussions with gender experts and women's organizations;
- Organize meetings with key organizations representing youth employment and entrepreneurship: vocational training councils, youth development offices, startup support incubators and business development offices;
- Organize meetings with potential partners, including innovative training centres, youth led organizations, startup support incubators;
- Organize meetings with like-minded peer organizations, including INGOs, bilateral and multilateral donors and foundations operating in Myanmar;
- Conduct desk review of key documents that can inform programming;
- Provide insight and advice on youth economic opportunities and barriers in Myanmar;
- Make recommendations as to relevant program stakeholders and facilitate communication with them.

### **Collect information on operational issues including:**

- Current processes for procuring visas for short and long term Canadian and South-South technical specialists and volunteers.
- Key operational and programmatic costs (including office and vehicle expenses, staffing costs and costs associated with volunteer housing and living allowances).
- Processes required to register WUSC as an International Non-Governmental Organization in Myanmar.
- Any other related duties.

## Key deliverables

**The consultant will be jointly responsible with WUSC Staff for providing:**

- A gender analysis to further assess key opportunities and barriers to gender equality and the economic empowerment of young people, in particular young women, around three interrelated dimensions: i) their access and control over the necessary resources for a decent job or a profitable enterprise; ii) their agency to take decisions on their socio-economic development and; iii) enhancing the protection and promotion of human rights of young people, in particular young women and girls;
- A partner organization mapping and assessment;
- Signed letters of support from between 6 and 8 potential partner organizations;
- Unit cost for key budget items;
- A country program strategy (3 pages) that outlines key sector challenges and an approach to partner capacity development, taking into account the Government of Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy.

## Qualifications

- Strong understanding of the youth employment, economic empowerment and entrepreneurship landscape in Myanmar;
- Proven experience in engaging a wide range of actors (civil society, private sector, government agencies) in development programming;
- Demonstrated capacity to work in cross-sectoral collaboration;
- Diplomatic skills and the knowledge of cross-cultural, interpersonal communication;
- Proven knowledge of and commitment to the concepts of Gender Equality;
- Superior oral and written skills required in English.

Interested candidates should send their CVs to [pdu@wusc.ca](mailto:pdu@wusc.ca), indicating the Job title in the Subject Line of the email.