
**TERMS OF REFERENCE
(Individual Contractor Agreement)**

Cargo:	Support Services Manager
Lugar de Destino:	Múltiple (Latinoamérica y Caribe)
Sección/Unidad:	LCR, Múltiple (Inicial Panamá/Nicaragua)
Contrato/Nivel:	IICA 2/LICA 10
Duración:	Ongoing ICA – Open-ended, subject to organizational requirements, availability of funds and satisfactory performance.
Supervisor:	Head of Support Services

1. Antecedentes generales de UNOPS

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is an operational arm of the United Nations, supporting the successful implementation of its partners' peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world. UNOPS supports partners to build a better future by providing services that increase the efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of peace building, humanitarian and development projects. Mandated as a central resource of the United Nations, UNOPS provides sustainable project management, procurement and infrastructure services to a wide range of governments, donors and United Nations organizations.

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The Support Services Manager acts as an advisor to Senior Management on all aspects of the office management and operations. This includes strategic financial and human resources management, efficient procurement and logistical services, ICT, transportation and vehicle management, administration and security, in accordance with UNOPS rules and regulations. The main purpose of the role is to ensure the right support is in place for current and upcoming projects, balancing operational and project priorities, whilst ensuring effective, efficient and consistent support service provision across the project portfolio and internally.

Initially the requirement is for the offices of Panama and Nicaragua, this vacancy will also serve to cover later, if they arise, needs in countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region. Therefore it is a multiple vacancy.

2. Assignment background

The Support Services Manager reports to the Head of Support Services and leads and guides the Support Services Team, fosters collaboration within the team as well as the client-oriented approach. The Support Services Manager works in close collaboration with a number of local internal stakeholders, relevant partners as well as colleagues in HQ - to successfully deliver operations services.

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3. Functions / Key Results Expected

The Support Services Manager will have the following functions as main responsibilities:

1. Operations management
2. Project planning and coordination support
3. Procurement and logistics
4. Financial management
5. Human Resources Management
6. Administration and Information Technology
7. Knowledge Management

1. Operations management

- Management of the Operations/Support Services of the Office, namely HR Management, Finance, Procurement, Logistical, Administrative and ICT Services - facilitating effective, efficient and consistent support service provision to projects and all activities under the Office.
- Support the Country Manager in establishing the management targets. Monitor their achievement.
- Collaborate with relevant colleagues to identify the need, determine cost and proactively plan all Office support services.
- Monitor and supervise all aspects of operations to ensure compliance with corporate strategies, UNOPS rules, regulations, policies, and standards of accountability, ethics and integrity and achievement of results. Ensure proper implementation of standards and operating procedures.
- Monitor effectiveness of support services, to ensure optimum client service and satisfaction. Drive timely readjustment and improvements of the operations.
- Seek relevant input in support, from e.g. HoSS in place for the Multi Country Office, IPAS, and Practice Groups.
- Act as a focal point for any internal/external audit exercise.
- Supervision of the Security related matters and ensuring full compliance with UNOPS security standards and procedures. Implementation of the Business continuity plan.

2. Project planning and coordination support

- Provide assistance and support to the project budget preparation, revisions and work

planning.

- Provide input into the early stages of project engagements.
- Provide advice on goal setting, targets and performance standards for projects and recommend tools for monitoring, evaluation and auditing.
- Provide advice on project cost sharing, deployment of funds and closure.
- Closely liaise with the Head of Support Services for the Multi Country Office, in order to optimize service delivery and address any issues.

3. Procurement and logistics

- Supervise the Office procurement processes, including tendering processes and evaluation and supplier selection, to ensure viable procurement solutions that meet operational needs and compliance with UNOPS procurement procedures, regulations and standard of accountability, ethics, integrity and performance.
- Establishment of shortlist of suitable contractors/suppliers, and the preparation and issue of local tenders. Evaluation of bids or proposals received and of recommendations for contract awards.
- In consultation with relevant colleagues, review, administer and issue contracts, agreements/amendments.
- Provision of guidance on all logistics, asset management and procurement matters. Oversee the logistics of goods and equipment on project sites to confirm delivery and safe warehousing.
- Establishment and management of a vehicle pool for providing transportation services as required by the Office as well as to meet logistical needs
- Development and implementation of a vehicle management and maintenance system in accordance with UNOPS vehicle management policy and procedures;
- Repair and maintenance for all equipment including EDP equipment, communications equipment, vehicles and generators, etc.
- Building management and maintenance activities

4. Financial management

- Support the Country Manager in preparation of the Office financial plan and budget. Ensure timely revisions and reallocation of funds.
- Oversee the Support Services finance unit and ensure compliance with the UNOPS/Financial Rules & Regulations and Finance procedures
- Monitor, track and control expenditure to ensure optimum and appropriate use of financial resources.
- Ensure the availability of required financial reports and exception reports including investigating anomalies to resolve problems, reporting or recommending any action required to relevant stakeholders.
- Supervise the timely review, posting and closure of accounts. Certify/verify accuracy and compliance with standards of accountability framework. Submit/prepare a mandated report on financial status.
- Supervise all financial services (accounting, cash management, payments etc.) ensuring

timeliness and compliance with standards of accountability and performance.

- Monitor the Management Budget expenditures for the Office and ensure that LMDC (Locally Managed Direct Cost) is properly recovered, billed and spent in accordance with the applicable procedures.

5. Human Resources management

- Oversee the Support Services HR Unit
- Ensure the Office complies with corporate human resources policies, procedures and that all corporate HR initiatives are correctly implemented
- Support the Country Manager in planning personnel required for the optimal administration of the office and for the delivery of the Office portfolio
- Oversee all human resource services/processes including recruitment, salary administration and compensation, performance review, training and development, ensuring compliance with human resource rules, regulations, procedures and standards of performance and ensuring that hiring managers actively seek to create diverse teams in terms of gender and geography.
- Promote and support a learning culture by empowering individuals and teams to identify critical learning needs and plan/provide easy access to learning opportunities to maintain personnel competency and flexibility. Definition of training plans for personnel involved in the delivery of support services
- Foster a positive work environment, respectful of both men and women, and ensure that the highest standards of conduct are observed.

6. Administration and Information Technology (ICT)

- Manage the timely and efficient delivery of all administrative services, (e.g. centralized project admin, premises and asset management, organizational and personnel security, travel and IT).
- Full compliance of operations of the Country with UNOPS rules, regulations and policies, on administrative matters and supervision of the administrative team.
- Maintenance of a secure, reliable infrastructure environment for ICT and adequate planning for disasters and recoveries, supervision of the ICT Associate.
- In close collaboration with HQ and HoSS for the Multi Country Office, support the maintenance of a secure and reliable ICT environment, including adequate plans for disaster recovery.
- Manage the acquisition, maintenance, inventory, recording, verification and protection of project and administrative facilities/assets, including IT infrastructure, equipment and servers.
- Identify opportunities for leveraging the use of IT to enhance business operations and efficiency and to facilitate knowledge management, and information sharing.

7. Knowledge Management

- Knowledge building and sharing with regards to management and operations in the Office, synthesis of lessons learnt/best practices, and sound contributions to UNOPS knowledge management initiatives.
- Development of tools and platforms for operations and data management, ensuring information and knowledge sharing with colleagues, clients and partners.

4. Impact of Results

The effective and successful achievement of results by the Support Services Manager for the Office directly impact on the development and performance of the projects, visibility and image of the UNOPS as an effective service provider in project services and management and consequently strengthen its competitive position as a partner of choice in sustainable development and project services in the country served.

5. Recruitment Qualifications

a. Education

- Master's Degree or equivalent in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics, HR or related field.
- A combination of Bachelor's degree with an *additional* 2 years of relevant work experience may be accepted in lieu of the education requirements outlined above

b. Experience

- Based on academic degrees, a minimum of five (5) to seven years of progressively responsible experience in operations management in a large international organisation, is required.
- Some experience in the UN system organisations, preferably in a developing country, is desirable.

c. Language requirements

- Fluency in Spanish is required.
- Fluency in written and oral English required.
- Knowledge of another official UNOPS language is an asset.

6. Competencias



Develops and implements sustainable business strategies, thinks long term and externally in order to positively shape the organization. Anticipates and perceives the impact and implications of future decisions and activities on other parts of the organization.



Treats all individuals with respect; responds sensitively to differences and encourages others to do the same. Upholds organizational and ethical norms. Maintains high standards of trustworthiness. Role model for diversity and inclusion.



Acts as a positive role model contributing to the team spirit. Collaborates and supports the development of others. Acts as positive leadership role model, motivates, directs and inspires others to succeed, utilising appropriate leadership styles



Demonstrates understanding of the impact of own role on all partners and always puts the end beneficiary first. Builds and maintains strong external relationships and is a competent partner for others (if relevant to the role).



Efficiently establishes an appropriate course of action for self and/or others to accomplish a goal. Actions lead to total task accomplishment through concern for quality in all areas. Sees opportunities and takes the initiative to act on them. Understands that responsible use of resources maximizes our impact on our beneficiaries.



Open to change and flexible in a fast paced environment. Effectively adapts its own approach to suit changing circumstances or requirements. Reflects on experiences and modifies own behaviour. Performance is consistent, even under pressure. Always pursues continuous improvements.



Evaluates data and courses of action to reach logical, pragmatic decisions. Takes an unbiased, rational approach with calculated risks. Applies innovation and creativity to problem-solving.



Expresses ideas or facts in a clear, concise and open manner. Communication indicates a consideration for the feelings and needs of others. Actively listens and proactively shares knowledge. Handles conflict effectively, by overcoming differences of opinion and finding common ground.

Supervisor	Incumbent
Signature _____ Date: _____	Signature _____ Date: _____