ToRs: Research Associate - Macro Economic Analysis

Job Category: Programme Management Project Name: Strengthening PRS Monitoring Project (SPRSMP) Balochistan Post Title: Research Associate - Macro Economic Analysis Total Position: 1 Department: UNDP (NIM) Gender: Doesn't Matter (Women are highly encouraged to apply) Job type: Special Services Agreement (SSA) Duty Station: Quetta, SPRSM Office Civil Secretariat. Qualification: Bachelor Degrees, preferably Masters Degree in Economics or other related Social Sciences Degrees. Minimum Experience: 3 years working experience in similar assignment. Apply by: July 03, 2012

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Background and Job Description:

The PRSP Secretariat underpins the government's institutional mechanism for poverty monitoring. The PRSP Secretariat has been mandated with the overall lead in coordinating, monitoring, evaluating, and tracking the implementation of the PRSP; and reporting progress on anti-poverty public expenditures, intermediate social indicators, and final outcomes. A critical input in achieving the targets set out in the PRSP-II is the effective utilization of anti-poverty public expenditures.

The purpose of the Strengthening PRS Monitoring project is to strengthen institutional capacities for results-based monitoring and evaluation of poverty reduction strategies (PRS) and has the following three outputs:

1. Public spending and allocations in pro-poor sectors analysed reviewed and analysed through a gender lens to better understand the contribution and needs of men and women 2. Quality, collection, analysis and management of PRSP data improved at national and province levels

3. National engagement in PRSP monitoring mobilized through participatory processes

Strengthening PRS Monitoring PMU Balochistan is joint initiative of UNDP and Planning & Development Department Government of Balochistan to support the Government's institutional mechanism for poverty monitoring. The PRSP Cell has been mandated with the overall lead in coordinating, monitoring, evaluating, and tracking the implementation of the PRSP-II; and reporting progress on anti-poverty public expenditures, intermediate social indicators, and final outcomes.

The research associates will be administratively responsible to PPM/PPD SPRSM-Quetta.

Deliverables and Responsibilities:

• Working on Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) II macroeconomic indicators

• Analyzing macro economic data/information received from Finance Division and Provincial Finance Department and other financial institutions for Annual and Quarterly Progress Reports

- Developing and working on key macroeconomic indicators and reporting on weekly basis
- Assisting the Project Manager on Monitoring of economic indicators
- Maintaining and tabulating expenditures on the excel sheet on weekly basis
- Developing reports and tracking PRSP Budgetary Expenditures on monthly basis
- Research works like literature review on broad macroeconomic subjects
- Tracking Budgetary Output/Outcome macroeconomic indicators
- Coordinating with UN partners and other stakeholders
- Any other task assigned by the Project Manager.

Please send your CV to:

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