

Rooftops Canada - Abri International: Overseas Job Posting
Senior Technical Advisor - Housing Development and Microfinance
Two Years, Full-time, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, starting January 2009 (earlier if possible).
Deadline for Applications: September 05, 2008.

Rooftops Canada /Abri International requires a Senior Technical Advisor to work with WAT Human Settlements Trust in Tanzania. The Advisor will help implement a pilot housing microfinance program including the design and delivery of housing micro-loan products and related housing support services.

Candidates should have considerable experience in: housing development and housing finance related to social and/or co-op housing; program management including staff support and supervision; and, the design and implementation of capacity building programs for social/co-op housing development and management. Very strong English language communications skills and adaptability to cross cultural settings are essential. Previous micro-finance and international experience are important assets.

This is a two-year contract position based in Dar Es Salaam starting in January 2009, earlier if possible. Salary/benefits will depend on experience and CIDA norms. Interested candidates should submit their resumes by September 05, 2008, preferably by e-mail to: **Brad Lester, Rooftops Canada, 720 Spadina Ave. Suite 313, Toronto, ON, M5S 2T9. Phone: 416/366-1445 ext 241 Fax: 416/366-3876. E-mail: brad@rooftops.ca.**



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Rooftops Canada and the Norwegian Federation of Housing Cooperative Associations are working with WAT Human Settlements Trust (WAT) in Tanzania to implement a pilot housing microfinance program. This will include the design and delivery of housing micro-loan products through savings & credit cooperatives and related housing support services. The program will enable hundreds of families to incrementally improve their housing and build new housing. This is an exciting opportunity to make a major contribution to housing finance for the poor in Africa.

Duties:

The Advisor will work with WAT and other agencies to achieve the following results:

- WAT is able to effectively provide housing development and support services to individual and co-op clients on a sustainable basis.
- Key WAT staff and Board can provide dynamic leadership to implement a rapidly expanding program.
- Housing microfinance products and related management systems are designed, tested and operational with at least 750 performing housing microfinance loans.
- A guarantee fund is established and commercial wholesale capital available for the pilot project and future needs.
- Systems for detailed work planning and implementation, monitoring/managing risk and internal / external reporting are functioning.
- Systematic monitoring and documentation to ensure lessons learned and results are disseminated

Qualifications:

Candidates should be flexible, adaptive and have considerable skills and experience in.

- Housing development and housing finance related to social and/or co-op housing including experience negotiating or working with financial institutions
- Program management including staff support and supervision
- The design and implementation of capacity building programs for social/co-op housing development/management including participatory learning and training of trainer methods
- Successfully working with broad and diverse groups of stakeholders.
- Very strong English language oral and written communications skills, ability to apply these cross culturally.
- Previous international experience, particularly in Africa, would be an asset.

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