



JOBS DESCRIPTION

Islamic Finance Promoter (IFP)

About MISFA

The Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA) was set up in 2003 at the invitation of the Afghan government – to get donor coordination right from the start and avoid the counter-productive efforts that have emerged from conflicting donor objectives in other post-conflict situations. It was established as a vehicle through which the Afghan Government and international donors could channel technical assistance and funding to build Afghanistan’s microfinance sector. MISFA was the first facility of its kind, pooling diverse donor funding mechanisms and converting them into streamlined, flexible support to microfinance institutions in Afghanistan, tailored to local priorities and accompanied by technical assistance and strong performance monitoring.

MISFA’s mission is to contribute to Afghanistan’s economic growth by developing a viable, inclusive financial sector for the poor, and the underserved small and medium enterprises.

Position Summary:

The Islamic Finance Promoter (IFP) is responsible for lobbying and advocating for Islamic financial services specifically Islamic microfinance services in the country. The IFP is expected to increase the educate, increase the awareness of and ensure the support of government officials for the microfinance sector. The IFP will report to the Program Director and work closely with Research and Communications Specialist and other relevant departments at MISFA.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The specific duties and responsibilities of IFP include but are not limited to the following:

- Facilitate the Islamic finance awareness workshops at district or provincial level participated by stakeholders of the sector.
- Conduct meetings with government officials including police officers, judiciary officials, municipality, Ministry of Hajj officials, Wakil Guzars, and Imams of mosques and discuss the Sharia perspective on Islamic finance, the role of the government officials in respect to the microfinance sector and the importance of the sector in such dire economic situation for promoting economic stability and growth.
- Participate to the media discussions including radio and TV talk shows and discuss the role of Islamic finance.

- If deemed necessary, meet the clients specially the default clients to discuss their responsibility to repay their due and its consequences from Sharia perspective.
- Meet with municipalities and Ministry of Hajj and facilitate the process of signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between MISFA and the entities for future coordination and collaboration.
- Support the MSD team during branch assessments of microfinance partners if required.
- Any other task assigned by the supervisor

Qualifications, Experience, and Other Skills:

- Graduate degree from Sharia or Osooludeen (پوهنځی شرعیات و یا اصول الدین) Faculties, or Islamic Banking or equivalent certification from Madrassa's
- Or certificate in Takhassus fil Fiqh/Takhassus fil Ifta.
- At least three years of experience preferably in coordination and facilitation roles.
- Experience in Islamic finance, microfinance or banking is preferred.
- Excellent communication, and interpersonal, skills.
- Report writing skills
- Fluency in Dari or Pashto is required and familiarity with English will be preferred.

Reporting Responsibilities:

IFP reports to the Program Director and works closely with Research and Communications Department.

Submission Guideline:

Interested candidates should submit their CVs by e-mail with the subject "Islamic Finance Promoter (IFP)" to jobs@misfa.org.af or in hard copies to the HR department of MISFA at House # 21, Herati-ha-Mosque Street, Shahr-e-Naw, Kabul, Afghanistan, by or before September 19, 2023.

Due to the expected large number of applications, only shortlisted candidates would be contacted.

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