Local Practitioner
Job Description
Bungamati Reconstruction Project

Closing date for applications:
Friday 28th April 2017
Preamble

ASF-Nepal in partnership with ASF-UK are looking to recruit one built environment professional (architect/ engineer/urban planner) to work on our ongoing project to support local communities in Bungamati on the reconstruction and recovery after the earthquakes of 2015. This project will build on the work and findings from the first phase, carried out from September to December 2016.
Tasks and responsibilities

The successful candidate will be a key member of the field team working on this project. The candidate will be responsible for taking a leading role in the planning and delivery of activities to support an inclusive and collaborative reconstruction process in Bungamati. This will involve working in close collaboration with the residents and local stakeholders, providing technical and non-technical support for planning, design and building strategies, supporting community building and mobilisation, running group and individual discussions, designing and delivering workshops and training sessions, and assisting in advocacy, networking and fundraising processes as needed.

It is anticipated that support on the following fields will be required in Bungamati:

- Community strategies for rebuilding together
- Safe construction
- Architectural advice
- Construction permit procedures
- Heritage preservation and new historic cityscape bylaws
- Financing construction
- Urban planning
- Homeowner management of a construction project

Although insight into technical matters is desirable, technical support will be sought and validated from professionals and experts of the different fields.
Particulars

The position will start May 2017 and conclude in December 2017. The candidate will be required to work full time to average 6 days per week. The candidate must be flexible in order to work around the communities’ needs and be available to attend key events, which may fall outside conventional working hours. The holidays will be provided as per ASF Nepal Company policy.

Work will be based at the ASF-Nepal Office [Bangalamukhi Rd, Patan 44600] and on site in and around the town of Bungamati. The candidate will work as part of an international team and be supported by both ASF-Nepal and ASF-UK. They will be required to participate in regular project discussions. On average they will be required to give weekly progress reports via Skype meetings to both the ASF-UK & ASF-Nepal.

The position will pay a decent salary as per ASF-Nepal Company policy in relation to the qualification and experience of the candidate. Wages will be paid monthly from an agreed start date. The position will be subject to a 1 month probationary period.
Person Spec

The successful candidate will have:

- An interest in working in the humanitarian and NGO sector.
- A 5-year minimum background in architecture / civil engineering / construction / urban development
- Experience of community engagement & participatory design
- Fluency in Nepali and English, both spoken and written
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to think and research independently
- Excellent communication and social skills

The following are desirable but not essential criteria:

- Connection with the Bungamati community
- Experience of the ASF-UK / ASF-Nepal Phase 1 work
- Technical experience of seismic resilience in heritage construction
- Fluency in Newari
How to Apply

To apply for this position please submit your CV, contact details of two references along with a cover letter explaining why you would like to take the position to:

resiliencebydesign@asf-uk.org
asfnepal2015@gmail.com

Applications must be received by end of Friday 28th April. Interviews will be carried out on Tuesday 2nd May.