

Project Manager or Consultant as on-site long-term expert within the framework of the Chamber and Association Partnership in Sri Lanka (fixed-term project until October 31, 2023)

The OAV - German Asia-Pacific Business Association is the German project sponsor within the framework of the Chamber and Association Partnership (KVP) with the foreign project partner, the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Yarlpanam (CCiy) in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. The KVP program is founded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and coordinated by sequa gGmbH. It aims to improve the economic framework for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in northern Sri Lanka. For this purpose, the aim is to serve the needs of the members of the CCiy sustainably and competently and to represent their business interests.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the project, you operate on site as an interface between the know-how of the German promoter (OAV) and the development needs of the international local chamber (CCiy).

Your responsibilities:

- Development of the necessary project infrastructure (project office, local staff, etc.),
- Installation and continuous development and documentation of an operation plan in cooperation with the partners OAV and CCiy
- Content-related and organizational preparation of consulting assignments as well as support of short-term experts
- Implementation of project measures, for example
 - Development of a sustainable business development road map and a communication strategy for a professional appearance of the chamber
 - Creation of a needs assessment to evaluate the need of support of CCiy-members and establishment of demand-oriented services
 - Development and management of an internal and external network by cooperating with government agencies and the private sector as well as implementation of sectoral committees

Your Profile:

- Relevant professional experience in chamber and association work
- Experience in managing complex projects and mastering relevant instruments and methods of project management
- Business fluent in English and German spoken and written, business fluent in Tamil (very beneficial)
- Several years of experience abroad in Germany, Sri Lanka and / or other (Asian) developing- or emerging countries
- High intercultural competence

Your full-time position begins on **January 1, 2021** and is initially limited until **October 31, 2023**. A project progress review will decide on a further three-year extension. Due to the pandemic-related situation, the date of departure to Sri Lanka is still unknown, but we assume the beginning of the 2nd Quarter of 2021 as the earliest possible date. As a long-term expert, you will receive appropriate monthly remuneration for your work. If you are interested in this task, please send us your detailed application to: info@oav.de

With over 450 member companies from the industry, trade, finance, and service sectors, the OAV - German Asia Pacific Association is the network of the German-Asian economy. The activities concentrate on the exchange of knowledge on developments in the Asia-Pacific region and on practical issues.

Additional Information

Location: Jaffna is located in the north of Sri Lanka around 360 kilometers north of the capital Colombo on the Jaffna Peninsula.

Accessibility: Jaffna can be reached by plane, bus, and train. There are direct flights from Colombo to Jaffna.

Shopping: Jaffna has a number of supermarkets and shopping options such as the Cargills Square Mall.

Climate: The climate in Jaffna is tropical. The summers have a lot of rainfall while the winters have very little. With an average of 29.6 ° C, April is the warmest month. January is the coldest month, at an average of 25.5 ° C.

Healthcare: Sri Lanka has a free and universal health system. Examples of state hospitals located in Jaffna are the „Teaching Hospital Jaffna“ and the „Divisional Hospital Kopay“. Major private hospitals in Jaffna are the „Northern Central Hospital“ and the „STS Hospital“.

Education: Education in Sri Lanka is government funded and offered free of charge at all levels, including the university. There is also the possibility of private schools in Jaffna such as the „Beefort International School“ and the „Angel International School“.

Additional Information: The agriculture and fishing sectors have provided the bulk of the income for almost 90% of families in the north for years. Almost all families in Jaffna make a living from this sector.