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A. Introduction

The Service Contract (SC) modality, as specified in the HR User Guide, is intended to support the engagement of personnel to service development projects and to provide non-core services where outsourcing is not a viable and/or feasible option. Individuals engaged under the SC modality are considered as local contractors. The basis for the establishment of conditions of service for SC holders is therefore found in the local labour market and must be consistent with prevailing levels of pay for similar services and comparable work in the local labour market.

SC holders are subject to all the provisions of local labour and tax law as applied to nationals generally. UNDP is not responsible for payment of tax on earnings or other taxes due on the remuneration of the SC, nor is UNDP responsible for reimbursement of taxes paid by SC holders in respect of earnings received under SC with UNDP. The payment of taxes is the sole responsibility of the individual under SC. In this regard, the remuneration package under the SC is set at the **gross** level and may include an additional lump sum for participation in national social insurance programmes that are mandatory in accordance with the UNDP User Guide.¹ UNDP country offices should be cognizant of the fact that engagement under the SC modality, while not necessarily short term, is not intended to support extended employment. Individuals hired under Service Contracts are expected to return to the national market at the conclusion of the project or when the non-core function is no longer required by the office. Therefore, while Service Contract conditions should be broadly competitive, in no instance should conditions lead the market or impede the movement of individuals into and *out of* this contracting modality. Finally, and most importantly, the process for establishing Service Contract remuneration must be simple and transparent. The guidelines presented in this handbook have been designed to meet this objective. This handbook, is intended to provide structural guidance that will make the process straight forward and consistent across duty stations while preserving the flexibility needed to be effective at the local level. Furthermore, since SC holders will be integrated into the global payroll system, it is necessary to adopt a more **consistent and structured approach** in setting and maintaining SC remuneration.

The creation of Service Contract remuneration scales is a process and responsibility primarily managed by Country Offices. The Director of the UNDP Office of Human Resources (OHR) has therefore delegated to UNDP Resident Representatives full responsibility and accountability to collect and analyze data locally to create and update Service Contract remuneration scales in accordance with this Handbook. The Resident Representatives may delegate the responsibility for setting of SC remuneration to the “**Responsible Officer**”, who manages the planning and contracting of human resources necessary to meet the office goals, objectives and work plan. Country offices must report any significant engagement/retention issues regarding SCs which are linked to levels of remuneration.

HQ support and monitoring mechanisms

The OHR Headquarters unit responsible for compensation matters will provide technical advice and guidance to Country Offices in the setting of remuneration for SCs. The Regional Bureau will be responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of the guidelines for establishing SC remuneration. Mechanisms for reporting on the setting of SC remuneration will be established by HQ on a periodic basis to ensure conformity with this Handbook.

¹ See UNDP Service Contract User Guide for guidelines regarding social insurance payments.

No Link with UN National Salary Scales and Conditions of Service

There is no direct linkage in approach or amounts between SC remuneration and the UN salary scales for the staff series of contracts. As mentioned above, the objectives of contracting SCs, as part of the UNDP workforce are consistent with overall efforts to increase national development and strengthen technical capacity and expertise under national execution. Therefore, the SC is distinct in nature, with finite functions and limited services that are directly related to the execution of development projects or service areas that can be outsourced. This approach is considered by UNDP as a means of greater involvement of the national partners in the development process.

To serve this purpose, the SC remuneration policy is distinct in the following areas:

1. target market position (prevailing instead of best prevailing – 50th vs. 75th percentile)
2. comparator sample (focusing on public instead of private sector employers)
3. gross remuneration subject to national taxation
4. enrolment in local social security schemes where available
5. integrated remuneration system from junior support services through professional services organized in a broadband format
6. no annual increments, all remuneration movement for individuals based only on revision of the remuneration scale.
7. no retroactive adjustments in remuneration.

These primary differences should be kept in mind by Country Offices while managing SC remuneration. The essential non-career, non-core character of SC services justifies these differences. SC holders must be made aware at the outset of engagement that such differences exist and the rationale for these differences.

Approaching the Market

Service Contract remuneration is based upon prevailing conditions found in the local labour market. It is therefore necessary to gather information on **local conditions** of employment in a structured manner to support construction of SC remuneration scales. In keeping with the objective of simplicity, SC remuneration scales must be designed to be comprehensive, inclusive of the value of typical allowances and benefits that are found in the local labour market. The objective here is not to manage separate allowances and benefits for SC holders. Rather, the value of these should be included in the remuneration scales such that these scales are broadly competitive with the total remuneration values for the 50th percentile of the local labour market.

Public Sector Focus

To ensure competitive remuneration packages for similar services in the local labour market and to facilitate the collection and updating of remuneration information, the target market for the SC has been defined as primarily drawn from the bilateral and NGO community. These are the organizations that engage personnel with profiles most closely similar to services included in the SC. Further these organizations usually maintain clear remuneration policies and structures that ensure a reasonably accurate alignment of data.

Finally, UNDP seeks to base SC remuneration predominantly on prevailing conditions found amongst public sector and not for profit employers. While inclusion of private sector employers is anticipated to ensure coverage of the range of services included in the SC, private sector employers should constitute no more than one third of the employer sample. The inclusion of a private sector employer, as with other employers, is conditioned on the availability of clear and comprehensive information on remuneration packages offered. All employers from which data is sought should have established remuneration ranges which clearly distinguish pay for levels of responsibility.

The survey model for collecting local market information anticipates a standard sample of ten employers. In very limited labour markets, that sample may be reduced to as few as six employers. In all instances no less than two thirds of the sample must be drawn from public/not for profit employers. This means seven public-sector employers for a ten employer sample and four public sector employers for a six employer sample. A list of suggested employers for inclusion in the sample is provided in Annex 1.

Engaging organizations and employers to participate in SC surveys should be carried out on the basis of reciprocity; UNDP Country Offices must therefore emphasize the willingness to exchange information on remuneration and the commitment to confidentiality to encourage participation by outside organizations in the survey.

B. The Desired Market Position

In subsequent sections of the Handbook, guidelines are provided regarding benchmark terms of reference for services, data collection and analysis and the construction of the SC remuneration scale. It is recognized that within these procedures, Country Offices require flexibility in targeting a desired market position. While broadly the policy for establishing SC remuneration is to target the **fiftieth percentile** of the surveyed employers, Country Offices will have authority to adjust this market condition based upon the need to improve the performance of the SC remuneration system in the local market context.

Within the principle of providing competitive remuneration packages that reference predominantly a public sector sample, Country Offices will have the latitude to set remuneration to fall from the fortieth to the sixtieth percentile of the data range collected. This market position must be set broadly for the entire remuneration scale and not be set band by band.

The SC remuneration structure, addressed in Section F of this handbook, is designed again to provide great flexibility in setting the pay range to enable Country Offices to respond to changing market conditions. Where though the overall remuneration structure is not performing well, Country Offices should note these deficiencies and if necessary, seek additional guidance in collecting/analyzing local market information and adjusting the remuneration scale to improve its performance.

C. Benchmark Terms of Reference

A series of benchmark Terms of Reference (TOR) spanning the range of services from physical operations to substantive innovation in six occupations has been selected as the internal proxy for maintaining competitive SC remuneration. These TORs have been selected because they represent the services under SCs most frequently engaged by the UN system and because these TORs can be found and measured in most external labour markets. The benchmark TORs are by definition a representative sample and cannot reflect every possible service under SCs if a streamlined and cost-effective approach to setting SC remuneration is to be maintained. The six occupations represented by the benchmark TORs are:

1. Development Programme Management
2. Information Technology
3. General Administration
4. Human Resources
5. Finance and Accounting
6. Team Assistants/Secretaries

Please see Annex 2 for tables containing brief thumbnail descriptions of the SC benchmark TORs and their equivalent SC level.

D. Data Collection and Analysis

As described in previous sections of the Handbook, UNDP policy stipulates consistency with conditions for comparable services in the local labour market as the main basis for establishing SC remuneration. Therefore, data on local market rates must be accurately collected to ensure that remuneration levels are appropriate. This section outlines the basic approach that should be used by Country Offices.

Data Collection Methods

Approaches to data collection in remuneration surveys have evolved significantly in the last 10-15 years with the widespread adoption of new telecommunication and information technologies. HR professionals in the comparator market are typically asked to participate in several surveys each year and are becoming increasingly selective in the surveys they choose to participate in. Furthermore, with the implementation of corporate Enterprise Resource Platforms (ERPs) such as Peoplesoft, Oracle and SAP, many multinational corporations are consolidating their compensation expertise at the regional or global level. Therefore, while traditional methods of data collection involve face-to-face interviews with participating organizations at the local level, it may be necessary to adapt to more modern approaches aimed at reducing the burden on participating organizations while maintaining the accuracy of the data collected. These methods are described below:

1. ***Pre-Interview Survey Questionnaire***: A streamlined survey questionnaire may be sent to participating organizations to allow them to submit base data such as remuneration scales and tables of benefits in advance of the survey interview. Even if organizations

do not actually submit the data prior to the interview, this gives them an opportunity to prepare for the interview. A sample of this questionnaire is provided in Annex 3.

2. **Remote Survey Interviews:** Survey interviews may be conducted by telephone. This can save a lot of time that would otherwise be spent traveling to and from organizations and completing increased security formalities adopted by many office buildings. Remote survey interviews may be necessitated by the fact that the compensation manager for a particular local market may actually be based at the organization's regional or global service center located in another country.
3. **Application of Global TOR Matching Guidelines:** Guidelines for establishing matches with SC benchmark TORs can be established for multinational organizations with classification systems implemented on a global or regional level.
4. **Preparation of Participant's Reports:** Providing good feedback to participating organizations is an integral part of securing the flow of data from year to year. The Country Office must ensure that reports sharing the results of the survey and allowing each employer to compare their data with the other participants in the survey are prepared and sent. It is of course critical that the reports be prepared to protect the confidential information of each participant. While each participant should be able to compare their data generally with that of the other participants, a participant should not be able to identify how much another particular participant is paying.

While the use of pre-interview survey questionnaires is recommended to collect data prior to the interview, this questionnaire should not be used as a substitute to the interview. The Country Office should normally conduct an interview, either by telephone or in person, to confirm the data reported and to validate the TOR matches. In order to ensure consistency and reliability of data, the TOR matches must always be established by the Country Office and not by each participating employer.

Quantification of Salaries and Benefits

In order to simplify data collection and analysis, the remuneration at the midpoint for each TOR will serve as the single reference for ensuring appropriate SC remuneration. The midpoint remuneration is the **midpoint** or average of the minimum remuneration and the maximum remuneration. The minimum remuneration represents an organization's minimum hiring rate while the maximum remuneration is the highest normally attainable remuneration within each organization's TOR. For organizations that don't have a structured remuneration scale or defined minimum and maximum remuneration levels, the organization's average actual remuneration or market reference point for that TOR may be used. Quantification of benefits and allowances should be consistent with general practices in the salary survey industry.

Matching Terms of Reference

The single most important component of a reliable remuneration survey is accurate matching of TORs. Without accurate matching a remuneration survey is of limited value. It is therefore important that the individual collecting the data has a solid understanding of the benchmark TORs and of the progressions of services that they represent. The following four factors should be evaluated in establishing SC TOR matches: A sheet for recording matches for the benchmark TORs is provided in Annex 4.

1. **Structure:** Understanding the structure of the organization is critical to establishing accurate TOR matches as each TOR must be examined in the context of the other functions it interacts with. Examining the roles of all the TORs in a functional team enables a more accurate evaluation of each individual TOR. External TOR at levels above and below the benchmark TORs should also be examined to determine context.
2. **Content:** Scope and depth of responsibilities should be examined in order to measure the substantive contribution of each TOR. Examine whether the functions of a TOR typically fall under well-established guidelines or whether origination of new perspectives or approaches is required. The complexity of analytical functions performed should also be examined.
3. **Progression:** While the organization structure and TOR content provide most of the information necessary to establish accurate TOR matches, experience and training requirements at various levels should also be examined in order to understand movement between the levels.
4. **Qualifications:** Finally, identify any educational requirements or the degree of specialization that may be required in a particular field for each TOR. While educational requirements alone can not be used to establish TOR matches, this information can be useful as the last piece of this four-step approach. The importance or weight given to the qualifications required may also vary across occupations with higher weights given in more technical occupations, but generally speaking this factor has the least weight in determining a TOR match.

E. Designing the Remuneration System

The SC is intended to provide great flexibility in engaging and recognition for high quality services. The design of the remuneration system is based upon broad bands in an integrated remuneration structure. While data is collected for specific benchmark TORs as detailed in the previous section, this remuneration data is integrated into the SC remuneration system to provide for wide remuneration ranges which support flexibility in engagement and movement through service quality evaluation measures.

Broadband Options

To ensure comprehensive data collection, remuneration data as described in the previous section has been collected for six service occupations across the eleven levels of responsibility typically found in a UNDP development project and Country Office setting. The SC remuneration structure though will integrate remuneration into five broadbands. These broadbands are aligned against the standard TOR levels as illustrated in the table below.

Contribution Value	SC Levels	Service Bands
Substantive Innovation	SC-11	SB-5
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10	
Analytical	SC-9	SB-4
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8	
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7	SB-3
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	
Basic Process Support	SC-4	SB-2
Repetitive Support	SC-3	
Mechanical Operations	SC-2	SB-1
Physical Operations	SC-1	

Setting the Remuneration Scale

This is essentially a three step process:

1. aggregate individual TOR data to the band level,
2. smooth the raw band data to provide for an internally consistent yet market influenced progression between bands;
3. set the min/max span of remuneration for each band.

The midpoint raw TOR data may be used to set raw band market references. Following the smoothing of the SC pay scale, the raw band data should be retained for future reference as a measure of changes in the comparator organizations. The initial point of departure in constructing the remuneration scale is to use the raw TOR data for the surveyed organizations targeted to the fiftieth percentile of the market.

Since the SC remuneration system is broadbanded, it is not useful to provide global guidelines for the range of spans and differentials in levels which should guide construction. These ranges would need to be so wide as to provide little practical guidance.

Once the remuneration scale has been developed, the Country Office should examine the utility of the scale from a resource and competitive market position perspective. If necessary, the raw job data market extract should be adjusted to a higher or lower market position to improve either the competitiveness or budgetary aspects of the scale.

Finally, the SC remuneration scale should be established in **local currency**. Only when it is the practice of *all* of the surveyed organizations to denominate remuneration and make payments in a currency other than local currency should this be considered. However, to the extent possible, payment of remuneration should remain in local currency. If the remuneration scale is denominated in a currency other than the local currency and paid in local currency, the UN prevailing operational rate of exchange must be applied. Payments of remuneration to SC holders in currencies other than local currency should be based upon documented evidence of similar practice by *all* of the surveyed employers and confirmation of legality by the appropriate national authorities.

F. Promulgation and Maintenance

Setting the Effective Date

For effective management of project budgets, the promulgation and maintenance of SC remuneration scales are implemented prospectively. There is no retroactivity in setting the effective date of the SC remuneration scale, therefore in all cases the effective date of a revised SC remuneration scale can be no sooner than the first of the month following the completion of the data analysis and scale construction.

Ageing Salary Data

To ensure that SC remuneration scales are reflective of current market conditions, consideration should be given to “ageing” raw market data. The effective date of the comparator organization data will vary based upon organizational policies for adjusting remuneration. It is possible to examine trend information and estimate movement of **a given** market position from the date of the revision of an organization’s remuneration to the anticipated effective date of the SC revised remuneration scale.

Through data ageing there is a mechanism for ensuring both that SC remuneration is kept competitive and that the remuneration management process does not create difficulties for payrolling and budgeting. Country offices also have the flexibility to promulgate updates in SC remuneration without data ageing, bearing in mind that there is no retroactivity and all remuneration scales must be issued with prospective effect.

Integration into Payroll

Through the Atlas system, UNDP has progressively integrated all financial and human resource functions. The introduction of these guidelines to support setting SC remuneration supports the integration of SCs into the global payroll system. The SC remuneration scales must therefore, be prepared in conformity with the structures presented in Annex 2. These scales need to identify minima, maxima and midpoints by pay band and need to be electronically exportable into the Atlas system. The Global payroll unit will provide instructions for the electronic formats of Service Contract pay scales to support integration into the payroll system.

Managing Pay for Performance

The Performance Bonus for individual Service Contract holders is governed entirely through service quality assessment. The decision to grant a Performance Bonus is not automatic or granted as an entitlement.

During the Service Quality Evaluation process, the Supervisor of the SC holder: (i) makes a recommendation for a Performance Bonus, (ii) confirms that the individual has met all the contract objectives and (iii) confirms that the performance was more than satisfactory. In assessing the performance, Country Offices consider the quality of the individual's services in comparison to the performance of other SC holders conducting similar services. The Resident Representative has sole discretion to approve recommendations for Performance Bonuses based on the Service Quality Evaluation and the availability of resources under the project.

The Performance Bonus is a one time payment granted to a SC Holder at the end of a twelve month contract after the service quality assessment. The Performance Bonus is calculated as a percentage of 1 to 3% of the gross remuneration rate that was in effect at the time of the evaluation taking into consideration the level of quality of service performance.

The following examples illustrate assessment of results and establishment of the appropriate percentage for a bonus :

Example 1: Tangible contribution:

Under the work plan, SC holder must design a MDG campaign in region X of the country, with the participation of NGOs X,Y,Z. As part of the TOR the SC holder must achieve an increased awareness in that region. The SC holder establishes an effective network in the region that results in the donor funding for the campaign, which was not foreseen in the plan, nor envisaged. This additional funding and donor presence increases visibility and contributes to the success of the campaign.

The supervisor could conclude that this SC holder performed more than satisfactory and could conclude to recommend 1 -3 % bonus.

Example 2: More than satisfactory contribution

The SC expands MDG partnership network, implements effective communication tools, and demonstrates programme relevance, which enhances UNDP's coordination role, resulting in securing additional resource streams from a critical donor.

The supervisor could easily render this achievement as more than satisfactory, and, subject to the funding situation of the particular project the SC holder is working, may consider a performance bonus of 1 - 3 %.

Example 3: Contribution Exceeding established ToR

UNDP has a project on building social facilities first level health services in a disaster area, with OCHA funding in one country as part of its post-crisis interventions. The office hires

a SC holder to supervise construction work. The Plan of work is to complete the supervisor on 5 social facilities in region X and ensure completion of buildings for temporary acceptance.

The SC holder, who is a construction engineer by profession, identifies a flaw in the floor tile construction in three sites and reports this to the contractor. The architect agrees and explains in detail how the designs were made and the SC holder concludes that in fact the mistake in construction was not due to flawed designs but due to misinterpretation of those designs. Under normal circumstances, this could be overlooked since there's a nuanced difference in the way the designs should have been interpreted in construction and only a trained eye could understand this. While the responsibility of the SC holder was strictly supervision of the construction sites, in this example he/she went beyond his/her area of responsibility and intervened which created a significant saving.

The supervisor could conclude that this SC holder performed beyond expectations and could conclude to recommend 1 - 3 % bonus.

Reporting back to Organizations

Country offices should ensure that at the conclusion of a SC survey, participating organizations receive a summary report of findings. This report should include the following information:

1. summary of data collected from the specific organization showing TOR matches and the valuation of their remuneration package;
2. a table showing the average of all organizations by benchmark TOR and the fiftieth percentile remuneration;
3. a summary table of organization practices on remuneration;
4. the revised Service Contract remuneration scale.

Updating Survey Data

At the time of data collection for the SC remuneration survey, the periodicity of adjustment of surveyed organizations should be ascertained. SC remuneration scales should generally be updated annually. Data should be collected from comparator organizations at a time during the year following when a majority of these organizations revise remuneration packages. As noted above, this data should be aged to the anticipated prospective effective date.

Only in rare instances should SC remuneration scales be updated more frequently than once per year. Such updating should take place only if *all* of the surveyed organizations have implemented more frequent updating as well.

Again with each update of survey information, the Country Office should ensure that a report of the survey be provided to the participating organizations.

Special Measures

There are times where extreme economic or social events take place that disrupt the normal pattern of employer activity in a market. At these moments it may be necessary to take measures outside of the normal adjustment mechanisms in order to maintain an effective functioning remuneration system. Special measures are intended to provide short term partial relief during times of economic and social crisis. These measures are not intended to sustain fully purchasing power or to provide full economic insulation during periods of crisis. The measures are intended to be of short duration, typically no more than three months and in no instance longer than six months.

In acute emergency and/or economic/social upheaval which has impacted the security of a country profoundly, temporary special measures may be applied. Such measures may warrant an adjustment to SC remuneration. SC holders are eligible to receive an allowance for working under hazardous conditions only when the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission has approved the implementation of hazard pay for UN staff. Hazard Pay is typically authorized:

- For duty stations where very hazardous conditions such as war or active hostilities prevail and where the evacuation of families and non-essential staff has taken place;
- For duty stations where no evacuation has taken place, but in which staff are required to work in hazardous conditions such as war or where active hostilities prevail, including situations where staff are required to work on cross-border missions in hazardous areas;
- Where the performance of functional medical requirements that directly expose staff to life-threatening diseases, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the Ebola virus, in the course of the performance of their duties.

Hazard pay is authorized for a limited period, normally up to three months at a time, subject to ongoing review, and is lifted when hazardous conditions are deemed to have abated. SC holders are eligible to receive hazard pay only on days that they are required to work and actually do so. The daily rate is obtained by dividing the annual amount (i.e. 25 percent of the net mid-point of the SC Band) by 365 days. In some situations it may be appropriate to incorporate such a component in the form of a bonus when setting the remuneration for SCs. However, any revision to the individual SC remuneration is only made upon extension of a contract or for new contracts. The SC must include a clause stipulating that this component is short term and is reviewed on a continuous basis and may be withdrawn when the conditions improve.

G. Transitional Measures

Implementation of these guidelines and the introduction of a more uniform approach in establishing SC remuneration will in many duty stations require transitional measures. The introduction of these guidelines is not intended to create significant disruptions in current SC remuneration practices. Where application of these guidelines results in a SC remuneration package that is significantly different from current rates of remuneration, transitional measures should be considered.

Where the new SC remuneration scale is lower than current SC remuneration

In such instances, the current remuneration rates should be frozen. Existing SC holders will retain their individual remuneration for current contract duration. Upon conclusion of contracts, new contracts should be issued with appropriate adjustments to remuneration. Flexibility for placement of existing SC holders in the appropriate pay range should be practiced to minimize the negative impact of the change in remuneration. (i.e. placement may be at the third quartile in the range if necessary)

Where the gap between existing remuneration and the new SC remuneration scale is more than 10%, some consideration should be given to providing diminishing lumpsum differential payments for a period not to exceed 12 months into a new contract.

Typical Integration from current to new Service Contract remuneration

In most instances, integration from existing SC remuneration scales to the new remuneration scale should take place by integrating the individual SC holder at his/her current remuneration level in the point in the band closest to this amount. Placement in the band beyond its third quartile should be avoided if possible. Since all adjustment to remuneration for an individual SC holder is driven by results and separate from the movement of the remuneration scale, consideration of the movement of the new SC scale in comparison to the current scale should not be an issue.

Where the new SC remuneration scale is significantly higher than the existing SC remuneration

In cases where the new SC remuneration scale would result in increases in excess of twenty five percent or double the normal annual rate of movement in a country, whichever is lower, phasing in the new remuneration rates for existing staff should be considered. The new remuneration rates should be phased in over a period of not exceeding twenty four months. New SC holders should be placed for the most part in the lowest quartile of the appropriate band.

Annex 1: List of Sample Organizations that should be considered for SC Remuneration Surveys

Public/Not for Profit Sector				Private Sector
Bilaterals/ Embassies	International Organizations	NGOs	Other	
USAID/US Embassy DFID/UK Embassy CIDA/Canadian Embassy SMV/Dutch Embassy GTZ/German Embassy AUSAID/Australian Embassy	World Bank Regional IFIs European Union	Save the Children ICRC CRS World Vision MSF Conservation Int'l IUCN Heifer Int'l RTI	Ford Foundation Wellcome Trust Clinton Foundation	ABT Associates Chemonics Colgate/Palmolive Proctor & Gamble Unilever Exxon/Mobil Shell

Annex 2: Service Contract Survey Benchmark Thumbnail TORs

1. Development Project Management²

Contribution Value	SC Level	Sample Service area	Thumbnail TOR description
Substantive Innovation	SC-11	Senior Project Officer	Innovate development programme in a major sector of activity. Design project portfolios and promote organization's capacity as a reliable partner with national counterparts. Ensure coordination of sectoral activities with broader country programme. Advocate on behalf of organization's goals.
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10	Project Officer	Design sectoral programme initiatives to support broader country programme goals. Assess project proposals for relevance and coherence. Organize project execution consistent with programme objectives engaging national counterparts and building reputation for quality design and reliable delivery.
Analytical	SC-9	Project Officer	Assess project proposals for quality and consistency. Identify project delivery issues and ensure effective coordination of project resources. Work closely with national counterparts to build cooperative relationships and establish the organization as an effective partner.
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8	Assistant Project Officer	Review project components, develop project resource profiles and timelines. Assess delivery issues and works with national counterparts to build common understanding and coordination on project activities.
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7	Sr. Programme Assistant	Oversee support activities in project implementation including procurement, recruitment and operations logistics. Assess support requirements against project objectives and operating environment.
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	Programme Assistant	Prepare project financial statements and manage project budgets, monitoring expenditures against established allocations
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	Sr. Programme Clerk	Organize statistical data on project implementation which supports transparent management of project resources. Support procurement and recruitment related project activities
Basic Process Support	SC-4		
Repetitive Support	SC-3		
Mechanical Operations	SC-2		
Physical Operations	SC-1		

² Please note that TORs below the SC5 level have been left blank intentionally as specialized functions in Development Project Management are not found at these levels.

2. Information Technology³

Contribution Value	SC Level	Sample Service area.	Thumbnail TOR description
Substantive Innovation	SC-11	Chief, IT Services	Organize provision of integrated services covering system, hardware and software. Develop and sustain performance standards aligned with business cycles
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10	IT Operations Specialist	Oversee system integrity and operation, ensuring continual secure and stable operating environment. Promote accessibility and utility to user community
Analytical	SC-9	Systems Analyst/Developer	Advise on system configuration to promote optimal use by individual users. Review current operations identifying areas where improved performance is needed.
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8	Systems/Analyst - Programmer	Analyze basic system design requirements, Write programme code and validate system functionality from development through production stage. Assess system performance against design specifications
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7	Webmaster	Oversee development and maintenance of web services and web platform. Advise on development of web portals for delivering information.
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	OTC	Ensure operational services of network/hardware/software and advise users on basic access issues.
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	Help Desk Asst	Provide specific assistance with respect to network and software questions. Maintain overview of overall system performance
Basic Process Support	SC-4		
Repetitive Support	SC-3		
Mechanical Operations	SC-2		
Physical Operations	SC-1		

³ Please note that TORs below the SC5 level have been left blank intentionally as specialized functions in Information Technology are not found at these levels.

3. General Administration

Contribution Value	SC Level	Sample Service area	Thumbnail TOR description
Substantive Innovation	SC-11	Building Manager	Oversee management of premises including contracted services, office supplies and procurement, layout and maintenance
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10	Admin. Services Specialist	Advise on delivery of specialized administrative support related to procurement and or supply including service contracting and insurance related to office operations
Analytical	SC-9	Admin. Services Officer	Analyze administrative service needs to support specific business operations encompassing travel, transport, supply and/or communication
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8	Admin. Services Officer	Compile/analyze data on admin services performance against organization need. Organize reporting systems on admin services delivery. Provide support in analysis of major service delivery programmes.
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7	Sr. Admin. Assistant	Supervise provision of general administrative services. Oversee quality of service delivery related to timeliness and relevance to business needs. Advise management on service process adaptation and evolution
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	Admin. Assistant	Provide specialized process delivery in a specific administrative service, ensuring consistency and timeliness of delivery
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Review specific service needs against established procedures, process requests for servicing, anticipating timing and delivery issues
Basic Process Support	SC-4	Admin. Clerk	Review service needs in a relatively simple operational or procedural environment. Ensure consistency in delivery against established service standards
Repetitive Support	SC-3	Sr. Driver	Provide chauffeur services at the representational level including knowledge of travel, customs and protocol issues
Mechanical Operations	SC-2	Driver	Provide chauffeur services
Physical Operations	SC-1	Messenger	Support internal communications through movement and storage of documents, files and correspondence. Delivery hard copy documentation outside of the organization

4. Human Resources⁴

Contribution Value	SC Level	Sample Service Area	Thumbnail description
Substantive Innovation	SC-11	HR Advisor	Manage service delivery platform or major policy component of HR Programme. Integration of use of technology with timely, appropriate service focus. Concentration on quality/responsiveness
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10	HR Specialist	Provide refined HR advice/service in provision of substantive support to business process
Analytical	SC-9	HR Services Analyst	Provide dedicated HR Services in the areas of recruitment, entitlement administration or learning and development
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8	HR Services Analyst	Support provision of HR Services through managing ERP datasets, analyzing service requests against existing policies, organizing data on workforce trends and service delivery performance
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7	Sr. HR Services Assistant	Organization of integrated process delivery, optimizing use of technology, ensuring relevance and optimal utility to user community
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	HR Services Assistant	Provision of specialized process services in entitlement mgmt and contracting, promoting consistency and responsiveness to client community
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	HR Clerk	Processing of entitlement/recruitment needs for client community with focus on timely response
Basic Process Support	SC-4		
Repetitive Support	SC-3		
Mechanical Operations	SC-2		
Physical Operations	SC-1		

⁴ Please note that while service contracts serving in the area of Human Resources in UNDP projects do not typically exceed the SC-9 level, TORs at the SC-10 and SC-11 levels are included to allow for matching to those levels of responsibility in the external labour market if they exist. This allows for additional external data points to inform the establishment and maintenance of the SB-5 pay ranges. TORs below the SC5 level have been left blank intentionally as specialized functions in Human Resources are not found at these levels.

5. Finance and Accounting⁵

Contribution Value	SC Level	Sample Service Area	Thumbnail TOR description
Substantive Innovation	SC-11	Accounting /Financial Specialist	Advise on accounting systems and policies to promote optimal and soundest use of financial resources, advise business units on financial management and promote awareness of financial management dimensions to business activities
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10	Sr. Accountant	Provide specific accounting services to support business development and execution. Ensure timely adaptive services in sync with business needs. Advise managers on specific issues related to sound accounting principles
Analytical	SC-9	Accountant	Analyze specific accounting issues related to business development and execution. Propose accounting services and processes to support sound financial management and responsive servicing
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8	Jr. Accountant	Organize information on performance of accounting systems, monitor performance of accounting functions and provide oversight on delivery of accounting services.
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7	Sr. Accounts Assistant	Oversee management of accounting information systems, validate system integrity and ensure timely production of reports and accounting information.
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	Accounts Asst	Prepare periodic financial reports, reconcile accounting information.
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	Sr. Accounting Clerk	Validate complex accounting transactions, ensure timely provision of services consistent with accounting procedures.
Basic Process Support	SC-4	Bookkeeper	Examine basic accounting transactions, ensure appropriate posting of accounting information.
Repetitive Support	SC-3		
Mechanical Operations	SC-2		
Physical Operations	SC-1		

⁵ Please note that TORs below the SC4 level have been left blank intentionally as specialized functions in Finance and Accounting are not found at these levels.

6. Team Assistants/Secretaries⁶

Contribution Value	SC Level	Sample Service area	Thumbnail TOR description
Substantive Innovation	SC-11		
Adaptive Delivery	SC-10		
Analytical	SC-9		
Basic Conceptual Comprehension	SC-8		
Integrated Service Execution	SC-7		
Comprehensive Process Support	SC-6	Executive Assistant	Provide confidential secretarial and administrative assistance at the representational and/or highest executive level. Communicate executive decisions and directions
Specialized Process Support	SC-5	Sr. Secretary	Provide secretarial and communication support to a large business unit, facilitating integration of communication and business activity with other units of the organization
Basic Process Support	SC-4	Secretary	Provide basic secretarial support to a small business service including text processing and information management
Repetitive Support	SC-3	Clerk-Typist	Manage information in both hard copy and electronic format. Facilitate distribution and retrieval of business information
Mechanical Operations	SC-2		
Physical Operations	SC-1		

⁶ Please note that TORs above the SC6 level and below the SC3 level have been left blank intentionally as specialized functions for Team Assistants/Secretaries are not found at these levels.

Annex 3: Sample Survey Questionnaire

Salary Survey Advance Questionnaire

Thank you for your participation! (Please see "Help" worksheet in this workbook for question-specific help. Please note that we are collecting information for locally-recruited staff only.) Please type your answers in the boxes highlighted in yellow.

Background Documentation:

A copy of the following documentation would be helpful if available:

- a. Salary Scale
- b. Organization Chart (macro level)
- c. Summary description of job responsibilities and competencies by grade level.
- d. Hierarchical list of job titles and grades by department or business unit.

Survey Completed By:

Name: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]
Job Title: [Redacted] Telephone: [Redacted]

General Information:

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| 1 Company or Organization name: | |
| 2 Country of location for which data is being provided: | |
| 3 Office established in Country Since (Year): | |
| 4 Total number of employees (regular, full-time employees only please): | |
| 5 Are taxes withheld from payroll? (If no, please state if legally tax exempt or employee responsibility): | |

Salary Scale:

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| 6 Effective date of salary scale: | |
| 7 Standard working hours per week: | |
| 8 Confirm salary scale based on multisector salary survey: | |
| 9 Next anticipated salary scale review (date): | |

10 General Benefits:

[illegible]

11 Car Benefits: (if car is leased, please indicate lease cost above in table provided for question 10)

[illegible]

12 Loan Benefits:

Loan Type (Housing, Car or Personal)	Loan Principal (e.g.months of base salary, % of salary used to repay or flat amount)	Eligible Grades	Interest Rate Charged	% Utilization (if <100%)	More than one year of service required for Eligibility?	Loan Duration (years or renewable)	Explanatory notes:

After Service and Family Related Benefits:

- 13 Confirm participation in national social security system:**

- 14** Do you have a pension plan? (If no, skip to 14)

- i Percentage contribution employer:

- ii Percentage contribution employee:

- iii Confirm contribution is % of base salary:

- iv Minimum retirement age

- v Standard retirement age:

- vi Is Pension plan a defined benefit or defined contribution scheme:

- 15** Do you have a savings plan? (If no skip to 15)

- i Percentage contribution employer:

- ii Percentage contribution employee:

- iii Confirm contribution is % of base salary:

- iv Are there restrictions on employee's ability to withdraw funds?

- 16** Death benefit or life insurance (if no, skip to 16):

- i Amount of benefit for normal death:

- ii Amount of benefit for accidental death:

- 17** Amount of end of service gratuity (if any):

18 Do you have a medical insurance plan or on-site medical clinic? (If no, skip to 17)	
i Insurance provided by (a.Private Company, b.Self-insured, or c. on-site clinic):	
ii Does medical insurance cover the employee's immediate family?	
iii Does medical insurance cover the employee's extended family?	
iv Percentage contribution employer:	
v Percentage contribution employee:	
vi Above contributions are a percentage of (a.base salary b.the insurance premium):	
a. If % of insurance premium, indicate average total premium amount for single employee:	
b. If % of insurance premium, indicate average total premium amount for married employee with 2 dependent children.	
vii Percentage reimbursement for Hospital care:	
viii Percentage reimbursement for Surgery care:	
ix Percentage reimbursement for General/Outpatient care:	
x Percentage reimbursement for Prescription Medicines:	
xi Percentage reimbursement for Eye care:	
xii Percentage reimbursement for Dental care:	
xiii Percentage reimbursement for Maternity care:	
xiv Ceiling on medical benefit (if any)	
xv Is the ceiling (a.per person, b.per family):	
xvi Is the ceiling (a.per year, b.per lifetime):	
19 Annual amount of allowance for dependent child: (if any)	
i Maximum number of children eligible for allowance:	
20 Annual amount of education assistance for dependent children (if any):	
i Maximum number of children eligible for assistance:	
21 Annual amount of dependent spouse allowance (if any):	
22 Annual Leave	
Please indicate working days of annual leave below where employer policy is more generous than the minimums prescribed by the Country's labour laws. (Where amounts are left blank, it will be assumed that the employer is following the minimum prescribed by law.)	
i Annual leave (vacation):	
ii Sick Leave (with full pay):	
iii Sick Leave (with partial pay):	
iv Maternity Leave:	
v Paternity Leave:	
vi Family-related leave:	
vii Bereavement Leave (to attend funerals):	
viii Other Leave:	

23 Other Notes/Comments:

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Annex 4: Terms of Reference Summary Sheet

	Kindly fill in the requested information in the boxes highlighted in yellow below. Matches to Terms of Reference be confirmed during the interview.			
	Please see the "TOR" worksheet in this workbook for a thumbnail description of the survey benchmarks.			
TOR #	TOR Level	Occupation	Contribution Value	Service Title
1	SC-11	Development Project Management	Substantive Innovation	Senior Project Officer
2	SC-11	Information Technology	Substantive Innovation	Chief, IT Services
3	SC-11	General Administration	Substantive Innovation	Building Manager
4	SC-11	Human Resources	Substantive Innovation	Chief, HR Services
5	SC-11	Finance	Substantive Innovation	Accounting/Finance Specialist
6	SC-10	Development Project Management	Adaptive Delivery	Project Officer
7	SC-10	Information Technology	Adaptive Delivery	IT Operations Specialist
8	SC-10	General Administration	Adaptive Delivery	Admin Services Specialist
9	SC-10	Human Resources	Adaptive Delivery	HR Specialist
10	SC-10	Finance	Adaptive Delivery	Sr. Accountant
11	SC-9	Development Project Management	Analytical	Project Officer
12	SC-9	Information Technology	Analytical	Systems Analyst/Developer
13	SC-9	General Administration	Analytical	Admin Services Officer
14	SC-9	Human Resources	Analytical	HR Services Analyst
15	SC-9	Finance	Analytical	Accountant
16	SC-8	Development Project Management	Basic Conceptual Comprehension	Assistant Project Officer
17	SC-8	Information Technology	Basic Conceptual Comprehension	Programmer Analyst
18	SC-8	General Administration	Basic Conceptual Comprehension	Admin Services Officer
19	SC-8	Human Resources	Basic Conceptual Comprehension	HR Services Analyst
20	SC-8	Finance	Basic Conceptual Comprehension	Jr. Accountant
21	SC-7	Development Project Management	Integrated Service Execution	Sr. Project Assistant
22	SC-7	Information Technology	Integrated Service Execution	Webmaster
23	SC-7	General Administration	Integrated Service Execution	Sr. Admin Assistant
24	SC-7	Human Resources	Integrated Service Execution	Sr. HR Services Assistant
25	SC-7	Finance	Integrated Service Execution	Sr. Accounts Assistant
26	SC-6	Development Project Management	Comprehensive Process Support	Project Assistant
27	SC-6	Information Technology	Comprehensive Process Support	Office Technology Coordinator
28	SC-6	General Administration	Comprehensive Process Support	Admin Assistant
29	SC-6	Human Resources	Comprehensive Process Support	HR Services Assistant
30	SC-6	Finance	Comprehensive Process Support	Accounts Assistant
31	SC-6	Team Assistants/Secretarial	Comprehensive Process Support	Executive Assistant
32	SC-5	Development Project Management	Specialized Process Support	Sr. Project Clerk
33	SC-5	Information Technology	Specialized Process Support	Help Desk Assistant
34	SC-5	General Administration	Specialized Process Support	Sr. Admin Clerk
35	SC-5	Human Resources	Specialized Process Support	HR Clerk
36	SC-5	Finance	Specialized Process Support	Sr. Accounting Clerk
37	SC-5	Team Assistants/Secretarial	Specialized Process Support	Sr. Secretary
38	SC-4	General Administration	Basic Process Support	Admin Clerk
39	SC-4	Finance	Basic Process Support	Bookkeeper
40	SC-4	Team Assistants/Secretarial	Basic Process Support	Secretary
41	SC-3	General Administration	Repetitive Support	Sr. Driver
42	SC-3	Team Assistants/Secretarial	Repetitive Support	Clerk-Typist
43	SC-2	General Administration	Mechanical Operations	Driver
44	SC-1	General Administration	Physical Operations	Messenger

Annex 5: Sample Service Contract Remuneration Structure



UNDP Service Contract Remuneration Structure Kabul, Afghanistan Effective 1 January, 20XX Gross Remuneration, denominated in Afghanis (AFN)

	Min	Q1	Mid	Q3	Max
SB-5	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx
SB-4	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx
SB-3	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx
SB-2	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx
SB-1	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	xx,xxx