



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Terms of Reference for National Consultant /PSA

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1 year ; 5 years ; 12+years

Job Title: Policy and Climate Change Adaptation Mainstreaming Expert

Division/Department: FAO

Programme/Project: “Reducing vulnerability and increasing adaptive capacity to respond to impacts of climate change and variability for sustainable livelihoods in agriculture sector in Nepal” (GCP/NEP/071/LDF)

Location: Kathmandu

Expected Start Date of Assignment: 01 January 2018

Duration: 8 months (in WAE basis)

Reports to Name: Binod Saha

Title: Assistant FAOR (Programme)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Policy and Mainstreaming Expert is to facilitate integration of climate change adaptation into agricultural plans and programmes, and strengthen technical capacity of government staff. The expert is also to improve cross-sectoral coordination mechanism (Outputs 1.2.1 and 1.2.2).

Under the overall supervision of the FAOR and National Project Director (NPD) and the technical supervision of the relevant units in FAO, and in close collaboration with the UNFA/GLO/616/UND NAP-Agriculture Project Staff, Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), Department of Agriculture, Department of Livestock Services and Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC), and National Technical Coordinator and other project partners, the consultant will:

- Conduct a review of current policies, strategies and plans to identify the elements that needs integration of climate change related concerns;
- Organize a series of brainstorming sessions with a range of key stakeholders to discuss the future role and the comparative advantage of MOAD, MOLD, DOA, DLS and NARC in climate change adaptation;
- Organize consultation workshops and a multi-stakeholder dialogue process to support cross-sectoral coordination;
- Review Agriculture Development Strategy and link it with climate change adaptation priorities of National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA), investment plans and budget;
- Assess institutional and policy requirements to better link the current and longer-term climate risk management activities at Provincial, and Gaunpalika and Municipality levels;
- Conduct a training needs assessment and develop training manuals for building technical capacity to facilitate integration of climate adaptation into agricultural plans and programmes;
- Conduct training events at national level in two phases building technical capacity to facilitate integration of climate adaptation into agricultural plans and programmes;
- Assess the operational and technical capacity of the Environment Unit MOAD and prepare recommendations and strategies to enhance its ability to facilitate cross sectoral coordination in supporting climate change adaptation planning and implementation in the agriculture sectors;
- Assist the National Focal Person of the project in MOAD to monitor climate change related activities in the agriculture sectors at the national level (compilation and updating);
- Support to the technical working group on agriculture and food security and the UNFA/GLO/616/UND Lead Consultant & Agriculture Adaptation Planning Expert to prepare agriculture sector inputs for Nepal’s National Adaptation Plan (NAP);
- Conduct any other duty required to support a successful implementation of the project;
- Submit a substantive technical report at the end of the mission.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Expected Outputs:

- a) Review report of current policies, strategies and plans and recommendations for updating;
- b) Draft of updated national agriculture strategies;
- c) Institutional and policy requirements report;
- d) Training need assessment report and training manual;
- e) Training workshop reports;
- f) Final updated national agriculture strategies;
- g) Substantive technical report within weeks of the completion of the assignment.

Required Completion Date:

- a) 31 March 2018
- b) 30 June 2018
- c) 31 July 2018
- d) 31 August 2018
- e) 30 September 2018
- f) 31 October 2018
- g) 31 October 2018

Qualifications: Advanced university degree in agriculture and related subjects together with long standing field experience at local and national level on policy and mainstreaming, planning, implementation and monitoring of climate change adaptation programmes in Nepal. Experience in institutional assessment and mainstreaming is an advantage.