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Deadline For Application: 23 June 2017

JOB TITLE: Technical Assistant for the development of a Social Protection-Agriculture (SP-AG) coherence framework

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home-based (with visit to regional government agencies and also to Manila for organizing a national workshop as required)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Programme Unit, FAO Philippines

DURATION: 90 days in 7 months (July 2017 to January 2018)

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
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Organizational Setting

The Philippines has developed one of the most advanced social protection systems in the East Asia Pacific region, as part of rapid and comprehensive social welfare reform over the last decade. The government's flagship programme, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (Pantawid or 4Ps) initially launched as pilot intervention in 2008, currently provides support to 4.4 million beneficiaries. The programme consist of a nationwide conditional cash transfer (CCT) aimed at poverty alleviation and improving the health, nutrition, and education of poor children. Such programme has shown remarkable results in the last years but seemingly had limited impact on one of the country's key priorities for reducing poverty: the revitalization of agriculture, fisheries, and forestry (AFF) sector which caters about a third of the country's labour force. Despite the growing attention to agriculture and social protection and the fact that a large part of beneficiaries of social protection programmes are households with agricultural-based livelihoods, little attention in policy discourse and literature has been paid to the linkages between these sectors. Conceptually – and as shown by increasing empirical evidence - there is a two way relationship between social protection and agriculture.

Thus, it is deemed necessary to bring coherence and enhance the linkages between the poverty reduction programmes implemented by the DSWD and the agricultural interventions implemented with the DA and the DAR. The project "The Philippines: Linking social protection programmes to agricultural interventions to build efficient and shock responsive system in support of Small Holder Farmers (SHFs)" aims to develop a strategic framework for convergence between DSWD, DA and DAR to enable coordination in mutual efforts implementing social protection programmes and agricultural interventions. The framework will facilitate implementation of potential complementarities of existing and future programs of the three Departments such as the 4Ps, the Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program (MMCT), the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) and Agricultural interventions implemented by the DA such as Strategic Areas for Agricultural Development Program (SAAD) and the Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty in the Philippines (PAHP). The three Departments shall endeavor to cooperate in joint undertakings to support rural communities particularly SHFs.

Reporting Lines

The Technical Assistant will report to the FAO Representative in the Philippines, Social Protection (SOCPRO) team in FAO Headquarters, concerned Social Protection Focal Point of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP) and the concerned officials of the Philippines Government.

Tasks and responsibilities

For the development of the Social Protection-Agriculture (SP-AG) coherence framework, the Technical Assistant will be responsible for the following:

- Provide technical assistance to the Senior Social Protection Consultant and the FAO Philippines SP team in the implementation of project activities and coordination with concerned implementing partners;
- Conduct of research, and gathering and analysis of information required by the SP-AG coherence framework related to agriculture sector;
- Contribute to the development of the SP-AG coherence framework specifically on key recommendations on agricultural interventions;
- Support the preparation of project reports, briefs and various correspondence, knowledge products and information dissemination, including background research and synthesis and editing of information;
- Coordinate and liaise with the government counterparts, and other implementing partners;
- Prepare and submit progress reports and end-of-assignment report according to FAO guidelines; and
- Performs other tasks and duties as may be assigned by the FAOR.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
a.) Monthly work plans prepared;	Monthly
b.) Presentations prepared and made to TWG and other fora as required;	Continuous
c.) Briefs prepared as required;	Continuous
d.) Programme and project work plans prepared and updated;	Continuous
e.) Mid-term and final report of activities prepared;	As per project's workplan
f.) Draft projects' Terminal Reports	As per project's documents
g.) End of assignment report.	One month after end of contract.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- University degree in agriculture, agriculture economics, or other related fields.
- Good technical writing skills
- Specific experience related to agriculture research, and project formulation, preparation, appraisal and management is highly preferred

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FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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