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Deadline For Application: 31 August 2017

**JOB TITLE:** International Rural Development Expert

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** PSA

**DUTY STATION:** Manila, Philippines

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FAO Philippines

**DURATION:** 30 days (When-actually-employed)  
spread over 2 months

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

**Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

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## Organizational Setting

The FAO Representation in the Philippines helps the country modernize and improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices and ensure good nutrition for all. Specifically, FAO extends technical assistance to the government in addressing key challenges such as, among others: i) the need to strengthen food security information system; ii) establishment of early warning system for food and nutrition security; iii) assessment of climate change impacts on household food security; iv) entrepreneurship development and increasing market access of small farmers; v) improving aquaculture productivity; and vi) restoration of agricultural livelihoods of conflict-affected family farmers.

This project expects to contribute to the development of agriculture and agribusiness in the priority provinces in Mindanao as well as its surrounding areas as a way to reduce poverty and ultimately result in inclusive growth. Through the project that focuses on increasing productivity and integration of the beneficiaries in the value chain, jobs will be created which would provide an opportunity for its stakeholders to achieve better income levels. Increased agricultural activities to be triggered by the project can translate to increased job opportunities. Furthermore, as the project will go beyond the typical farm-based activities and cover the whole value chain, opportunities for better income levels can be harnessed. Additionally, the project is expected to generate better quality jobs, which can contribute to the increase in incomes in a more sustainable manner. Similarly, investing on interventions that would spur agricultural growth will also help in enhancing the potential of the rural areas by fully integrating smallholder farmers and fishers into the value chain to maximize market opportunities, and thus promoting more inclusive growth.

## Reporting Lines

The consultant will report to the FAO Representative, the Assistant FAO Representative (Programme), the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) from RAP. In discharging his/her duties (s)/he will cooperate closely with the National Expert on Agribusiness, and the FAO Project Coordinator.

## Technical Focus

The International Rural Development expert will focus on rural development, development economics and agribusiness.

## Tasks and responsibilities

The International Rural Development Expert will:

- Responsible for the overall preparation of the socio-economic model with the integration of rural development concepts and processes in collaboration with the Agribusiness Expert;
- Support the planning, coordination and provision of technical assistance on rural development within the context of conflict and transformation to implementing partners and beneficiaries. In particular:
  - Elaborate a detailed project implementation workplan in cooperation with the National Expert on Agribusiness and relevant stakeholders during the inception phase;
  - Support the establishment of effective collaboration between the different stakeholders involved;
  - Recommend policies that will promote an enabling environment for successful economic and livelihood recovery;
- Provide guidance in the formulation of the local rural development strategy and elaboration of action plan (modality and templates to be used, quality assurance of inputs etc.) to the socio-economic model;
  - Develop criteria for the selection of local stakeholders (e.g. farmers, finance institutions; companies and other local actors), to participate in the capacity building workshops and develop guidelines for preparation of project proposals by the beneficiaries;
  - Identify training needs and elaborate a training plan, including general and specific trainings related to rural development, for the local stakeholders (e.g. Local Government Units [LGUs] and farmers);
  - Support to the maximum extent possible the establishment of cooperation with relevant partners, such as other United Nations [UN] agencies, the concerned Government organizations and agencies, local institutions and the Donor Community involved in agricultural and rural development activities in Mindanao;
- Prepare guidelines for scaling up agro-economic zones with links between producers and markets in collaboration with the National Consultant on Agribusiness and other partners;
- Performing other related duties and activities upon instructions.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
1. Draft socio-economic model for transforming conflict-affected communities into productive agro-economic areas;	Week 2 of Engagement
2. Guidelines prepared for scaling up agro-economic zones with links between producers and markets;	Continuous
3. Training modules on capacity building for stakeholders;	Continuous
4. End-of-Assignment Report	End of contract

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, rural development, development economics or related fields
- Minimum of twelve (12) years relevant experience in rural development and agricultural policy (i.e., economic diversification and rural livelihood, rural development strategy, nature conservation and agri-environment, rural tourism), local products development, cooperation with rural stakeholders and agricultural economics;
- Working knowledge of English, with strong oral and written communication and presentation skills.

### FAO Core Competencies

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

### Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience in agriculture and rural development sector in Southeast Asian countries;

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

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### 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](mailto: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.
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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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