



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4505

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Deadline For Application: 20 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Agribusiness Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: PSA.NAT

DUTY STATION: Manila with required travels to Mindanao

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO Philippines

DURATION: 88 days (When-Actually-Employed) spread over 6 months

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.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

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 FAO Project Coordinator.

Technical Focus

The Agribusiness Specialist will focus on agribusiness, enterprise development, economics and policies.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Agribusiness Specialist will undertake the following tasks:

- Review past and-going programs on agribusiness and enterprise development to benchmark practices and identify approaches to strengthen and enhance private sector participation to scale up identified enterprise models, emerging ones and other potential market-led enterprises;
- Assist in the development of a socio-economic model for durable solutions in transforming conflict-affected communities into productive agro-economic areas incorporating lenses of peace, social cohesion and trust in collaboration with the International Rural Development Expert and other partners;
- Assist in the coordination with relevant government agencies including, among others, the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), Bangsamoro Development Authority (BDA) and Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (DAF-ARMM), Task Force on Camp Transformation, local government units and other key counterparts, to ensure coherent designing of programmes and interventions by all actors;
- Develop tools necessary in capturing inputs and information from various stakeholder involved for a more collaborative project planning;
- Assist in the formulation of policies for creating an enabling environment for promoting an inclusive economic growth focusing on agri-business and investment in post-conflict situation;
- Assist in the identification of capacity building needs and their integration in the draft socio-economic model;
- Undertake consultations and workshops with relevant institutions including the private sector to agree on the appropriate enabling mechanisms and its implementation for the private sector investment in agribusiness ventures in conflict-affected communities;
- Assist in the preparation of guidelines in the upscaling of the socio-economic model to other conflict-affected communities.
- Perform other tasks deemed necessary by the FAO Representative

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
1. Tools necessary in collaborative project planning (Focused Group Discussions, Survey Questions, etc.).	Week 1 of Engagement
2. Identify gaps using existing data on value chain analysis of identified commodities	Week 1 of Engagement
3. Inputs to the draft socio-economic model for durable solutions in transforming conflict-affected communities into productive agro-economic areas incorporating lenses of peace, social cohesion and trust	Week 2 of Engagement
4. Detailed Project Implementation Work Plan	Week 2 of Engagement
5. End of assignment report for the consultancy	End of contract
6. Mission reports	Two weeks after each mission travel

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Agribusiness and Management
- Minimum of twelve (12) years in research and practical experience in agribusiness, rural livelihood, and community development
- Working knowledge of English

National of the Country of Assignment (PHILIPPINES)

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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