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Deadline For Application: 8 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Fuelwood Production Economics Expert

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant or PSA (local)

DUTY STATION: Colombo based with periodic travel to field locations island-wide

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FASRL

DURATION: 50 Days over 4 Months

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Organizational Setting

“Promoting Sustainable Biomass Energy Production and Modern Bio-Energy Technologies” is a project jointly implemented with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) jointly with the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA). The goal of the project is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the use of fossil fuel for thermal energy generation in the Sri Lanka industrial sector. The goal will be reached by means of removing barriers to the realization of sustainable biomass plantations, increase of market share of biomass energy generation mix and adoption of biomass-based energy technologies in Sri Lanka.

The project is expected to generate global benefits in directly avoided greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of almost 252 kilotons of CO₂ due to switching from fossil fuels to wood-based technologies (over the lifetime of 10 years) and almost 756-1,432 ktCO₂ as indirect emission reduction impact.

Reporting Lines

The National Consultant reports to the Assistant FAO Representative (Programme) and the technical supervision of FAO-RAP backstopping officer and the Project Manager at the Project Management Unit

Technical Focus

The National Consultant will conduct subsidy model for biomass and draft a subsidy policy / formula to be presented to the government policy makers (taking into account the biomass pricing, standards, land type and also be compared with benefits and income of growing biomass with other main agricultural crops. This also will include following general objectives;

- Investigate and provide information on development of fuelwood subsidy reforms in the country, best practices in the region and other part of the world
- Study and analyse the possibility of incorporating fuelwood species into possible subsidy/promotional schemes with the existing terms and conditions stipulated by the financial institutes in the Country
- Recommend criteria for fair subsidy or promotional schemes for promotion of biomass growing/production considering both supply and demand side attributes of fuelwood industry
- Construct a subsidy model for biomass and draft a subsidy policy / formula to be presented to the government policy makers (taking into account the biomass pricing, standards, land type and also be compared with benefits and income of growing biomass with other main agricultural crops
- Work in conjunction with the other International and National consultants
- Any other tasks relevant to the position that may be identified during the course of the project implementation as director by AFAOR (Programme) or Project Manager

Expected Outputs:

1. Review report on the fuelwood subsidy reforms in the country and best practices in the region and other part of the world.
2. Report on possibility of incorporating fuelwood species into a subsidy/promotional schemes to promote fuelwood production, with the existing terms and conditions stipulated by the financial institutes in the Country.
3. Report on criteria with recommendations for establish fair subsidy or promotional schemes for promotion of biomass growing/production in the Country.
4. Constructed subsidy model for biomass and introduce subsidy policy / formula for at least three major agricultural production systems in the country.
5. Stakeholder validated report on biomass subsidy policy to maintain sustainable biomass/fuelwood production in the Country

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in (for Consultants) / University degree (for PSA) in economics or a related field
- 8 years of relevant experience in economic analysis of issues in forestry/agricultural development or related
- Working knowledge of English and Sinhala or Tamil plus limited knowledge of another FAO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish (for Consultants) / Working knowledge of English and Sinhala or Tamil (for PSA)

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in policy making level positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge in conducting economic policy analysis and multidisciplinary research on fuelwood subsidy/promotional schemes and biomass production and development issues, including the ability to write clearly and concisely for publications.
- Quality of both oral and written communication, including ability to write clearly and concisely for publications.
- Demonstrated ability to manage, analyse and present quantitative information clearly and effectively.
- Extent and relevance of written publication record, including high-profile consensus reports, working papers, journal articles and short publication for generalist audiences.
- Working knowledge of English is a strong asset.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
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