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JOB TITLE: Climate Smart Agriculture Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO REPRESENTATION IN UNION OF MYANMAR, FAMYA

DURATION: 11 Months

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Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has initiated implementation of a project entitled "Sustainable cropland and forest management in priority agro-ecosystems of Myanmar" in coordination with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MoNREC) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation (MoALI) with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The project aims to facilitate and strengthen sustainable land management (SLM), sustainable forest management (SFM), and climate-smart agriculture (CSA).

The main objective of this project is to build capacity of farming and forestry stakeholders to mitigate/adapt climate change and improve land condition. Under its CSA component, the project facilitates the adoption of CSA policies and practices that will help to sustainably increase productivity, enhance resilience, reduce/remove GHGs and enhance achievement of national food security and development goals. At field level, the project is active through demonstrating relevant models for CSA practices using Farmer Field Schools (FFS) models in five pilot Townships from three different agro-ecological zones.

- Upland/hill Pilot Site: Mindat and Kanpetlet Townships, Chin State
- Coastal/Delta Zone Pilot Site: Laputta Township, Ayeyarwady Region
- Central Dry Zone Pilot Site: Kyaukpadaung and Nyaung-U Townships, Mandalay Region

The project operates through four interlinked components:

- Component 1: Institutional, policy and regulatory frameworks strengthened to support SLM, CSA and SFM
- Component 2: Models for Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices demonstrated and enhancing carbon storage in three priority agro-ecosystems
- Component 3: Models for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) practices demonstrated and enhancing carbon storage in three priority agro-ecosystems
- Component 4: SLM, CSA and SFM knowledge management, training and practices scaling up nationally

FAO is recruiting a Climate Smart Agriculture Specialist (International Consultant) to support planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting of the activities under Component 2. The specialist will be based at the Project Management Office in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar and expected start date will be 1 January 2018.

Reporting Lines

The Climate Smart Agriculture Specialist (International Consultant) will work under the overall supervision and guidance of FAO Representative in Myanmar, direct supervision of the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) on all issues relating to project implementation, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO), in close collaboration and consultation with a national Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Specialist, governmental counterparts, implementation partners and the project's other technical specialists.

Technical Focus

Tasks and responsibilities

- Proactive joint leadership (in collaboration with the NC-CSA) of all aspects related to operationalization, coordination, delivery, monitoring and reporting of all activities under Component 2 "*Models for Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices demonstrated and enhancing carbon storage in three priority agro-ecosystems*" in accordance with the project work plan summarized below:
 - **Output 2.1 CSA support program established within key institutions and demonstrated at priority agro-ecosystems.**
 - Activity 2.1.1: Preparation of CSA/SLM Implementation strategy
 - Activity 2.1.2: Establish national CSA/SLM training programme
 - Activity 2.1.3: Establish/operationalize National CSA Centre
 - **Output 2.2: Township level agricultural extension service plans for climate smart agriculture/ improved cropland management (CSA/ICM) practices developed.**
 - Activity 2.2.1: Facilitate key stakeholders in adopting township level land use planning systems that incorporate CSA/SLM principles and practices
 - **Output 2.3: National farmer field school curriculum developed.**
 - Activity 2.3.1: Conduct need assessment to develop FFS curriculum
 - Activity 2.3.2: Design an FFS curriculum and mobilize establishment of FFS at each pilot sites.
 - Activity 2.3.3: Improve and modify the FFS curriculum and test the revised curriculum
 - Activity 2.3.4: Roll out and test the FFS curriculum and with newly established FFS
 - **Output 2.4: Model farmer field schools established in three priority agro-ecosystems.**
 - Activity 2.4.1: Support establishment of FFSs at each of the project sites
 - Activity 2.4.2: Identify and recruit local farmers as FFS Farmers.
 - Activity 2.4.3: Initiation/operationalization of Farmer Field Schools
 - **Output 2.5 Early adopter farmers piloting CSA practices and delivering lessons within three priority agro-systems**
 - Activity 2.5.1: Provide venture capital financing to FFS members to implement and trial CSA practices

- Activity 2.5.2: Organize farmer to farmer training in three priority agro-systems
- Activity 2.5.3: Establish linkages with financial institution.
- Provide technical oversight and support to CSA activities in accordance with the project work plan as well as provision of guidance and training to the collaborating partners and national team deployed in the field.
- Prepare ToR/LoAs, contribute in the procurement process for the selection of service providers for various contracts under component 2 of the project, prepare contract documents and ensure timely and quality deliverables of service providers.
- Monitor the progress and ensure the delivery of quality outcomes from ongoing contracts under component 2 of the project including but not limited to FFS curriculum development for CSA and value chain analysis and implementation of FFS activities at the pilot sites.
- Prepare specifications or update the existing specifications and obtain technical clearance from LTO for the procurement of inputs required by the project for distribution to its beneficiaries.
- Ensure planned activities and procurements are within the allocated budget and are completed in time as specified in work plan.
- Identify a service provider and ensure the delivery quality of a contract to develop course curriculum and training materials and to establish national CSA/ SLM training program for: (i) current governmental staff and (ii) degree-seeking students.
- Develop and refine CSA tool box to increase awareness and adoption of CSA/ SLM practices, including CSA/ SLM handbooks, training materials suitable for FFS, awareness raising materials and a CSA website.
- Facilitate the process of CSA Center establishment at Yezin Agricultural University and ensure its effective operationalization in coordinating CSA activities, support advancement of knowledge, monitoring of impacts, and adoption of CSA practices.
- Ensure that all Component 2 activities integrate and reflect the best international principles and practices. Implement activities according to the direction of the project document and subsequent project management direction.
- In agreement with the Chief Technical Advisor, National Technical Coordinator and National Climate Smart Agriculture Specialist, organize and conduct field missions to support the project implementation and supervise project activities.
- Support the collection of data and information for monitoring and evaluation purposes. Adjust the project implementation according to the information gathered by the project team and its partners.
- Provide technical inputs and feedback to CSA related documents, assessments, methodologies and knowledge-products.
- Undertake networking with FAO partners and relevant I/NGOs, UN Agencies, Donors, Private Sector, Financial Institutions and Government departments and represent FAO in CSA related fora, workshops and meetings and contribute to technical and policy related interactions and discussions on behalf of FAO.
- Provide support for other project components as necessary including on contract issues and procurements to ensure execution reflects integrated ecosystems based approaches and to ensure the overall project targets are met.
- Provide other related inputs and deliverables as requested by CTA.

Key Performance Indicators

- Semiannual progress report on submitted to CTA by 15 June 2018.
- Submission of component 2 Project Implementation Review (PIR) Report to CTA for reporting to GEF Secretariat by 15 June 2018.
- Semiannual progress report on submitted to CTA by 30 November 2018.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, environmental science, ecology, land management, or related field.
- At least 12 years of experience with implementing programmes / projects related to climate smart agriculture, sustainable livelihoods, food security, poverty reduction, and land-use planning.
- Relevant experience of working in Myanmar will be advantage. If less than 2 years of relevant experience in Myanmar, then relevant experience in at least 3 countries.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish.. Prior preparation and submission of written reports for an international developmental agency, a governmental department, or a major NGO. A recent example might be requested from each short-listed candidate.
- Willingness and ability to travel to remote, rural locations with difficult access.

Preferred Qualifications

- Relevant advanced degree.
- Experience with Farmer Field Schools and other developmental approaches that emphasize resilient livelihoods.
- Relevant experience with UN agencies, especially FAO.
- Prior experience in ASEAN countries, especially Myanmar.

Selection Criteria

- Relevant experience in the tasks described above.
- Extent of relevant expertise in project/programme implementation, including ecosystem-based CSA, sustainable livelihoods and development of policies to encourage those approaches.
- Experience consulting with diverse stakeholders, from land users to ministerial staff.
- Experience from working in diverse teams.

FAO Core Competencies

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

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