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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Vacancy Announcement No: National Consultant on Poverty Reduction/South-South Cooperation-2018

Deadline For Application: 10 September 2018

Position Title: National Consultant on Poverty Reduction/South-South Cooperation

Duty Station: Beijing, China

Duration: 6 months with possible extension

Type of Contract: Personal Services Agreement

Organizational Unit: FAO Representation Office in China

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

BACKGROUND

FAO assists governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to address hunger and malnutrition, and provides technical support for the sustainable development of their agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors. The activities of FAO County Offices include design and implementation of country-tailored field programmes, liaison with local donor representatives, and active public awareness-raising and outreach activities related to FAO initiatives such as the World Food Day.

Under the CPF for China (2016-2020), FAO will support China's efforts towards lifting all Chinese rural people out of poverty and eliminate malnutrition by 2020. However, the rural poor still lack agricultural capacity, resources and access to market to sustainably move out of poverty. Within context of regional Trust Fund project GCP/RAS/229/SWE, FAO supports pesticide risk reduction activities in China. This includes support for development and application of Integrated Pest Management and Farmers Field Schools. In that regard, FAO will provide its support in training the farmers through the farmer field school approach as well as e-agriculture, and enhance their access to market through partnering with e-commerce platforms, with a special focus on agricultural products produced in the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems sites, which are mostly poverty-stricken areas. In addition, China has made great achievements in poverty reduction, and its policies and experiences should be shared with other developing countries for joint development.

The services of a national expert will be needed to coordinate and provide support for smooth coordination with counterparts at national and local provincial levels and to support implementation of project activities.

TASKS AND OBJECTIVE

Under the overall supervision of the FAOR and the Strategic Programme 3 (SP3) "Reduce Rural Poverty" Deputy Coordinator as well as the RAP-based CTA of the TF-GCP/RAS/229/SWE regional project, the consultant will support the national office, to share lessons of successful public policies through FAO regional platform on South-South Cooperation, coordinate FAO's pesticide risk reduction and Farmers Field School work in China and develop innovative pilot projects in support of poverty reduction in China. His/her main tasks will be:

- Oversee and support the poverty reduction portfolio of FAO China, coordinate and provide support on overall poverty reduction strategy/ action plan, including formulation, design, planning and implementation in close collaboration with FAO HQ and Regional Office;
- Assist the CTA in managing the FAO Regional IPM/ Pesticide Risk Reduction (PRR) Programme in China in collaboration with national and provincial government counterparts;
- Provide inputs for FAO PRR programme annual progress reports and other relevant reports;
- Support the development of case study work for the FAO PRR Programme in collaboration with NATESC and IPRCC, and deliver 4-5 case studies in time for sharing at project regional workshops and evaluation events;
- Organize in collaboration with national partners the national and provincial FAO PRR project wrap-up workshops in Hainan, Yunnan and Guangxi;
- Assist in project evaluation and facilitate development of future FAO PRR Programme work in China, potentially with a focus on highly-hazardous pesticides control and poverty reduction;
- Prepare communications materials and raise the visibility of the FAO PRR Programme and associated regional projects;
- Assist in other FFS-related work including translation of the FFS guidance document and participation in relevant global and regional FFS events, including the FFS global survey;
- Expand and maintain the FAO rural poverty reduction network, a broad-based partnership comprising the government, the private sector, research institutions, international organizations and the media, and assist in resource mobilization;
- Collect and compile reports on poverty reduction best practices in China and other developing countries, and contribute to the poverty reduction best practice database launched in 2017 by FAO, the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC), the China Internet Information Centre, the World Bank and ADB;
- Contribute to the FAO Knowledge Exchange Platforms;
- Finalize the project design on poverty reduction pilot projects for smallholder farmers, in particular the Internet Plus Farmer Field School for Poverty Reduction pilot project, as well as the promotion of agro-products from the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems sites for the purpose of poverty reduction and implementing it;
- Keep abreast of latest policy development in the field of poverty reduction, sustainable agricultural development, internet plus and South-South Cooperation in China and countries along the Belt and Road Initiative and prepare policy briefs;
- Research latest innovation in poverty reduction in China and across the world, and advise on incorporating innovation in poverty reduction and rural development portfolio of FAO China;
- Develop and support the implementation of FAO MOU with partners including Tsinghua University, IPRCC, and the Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences;
- Represent FAO at poverty reduction, IPM and FFS events;
- Draft talking points and speeches of FAOR and/or the CTA in domestic and international conferences and entertain interviews on poverty reduction;
- Prepare poverty reduction information flyers and factsheets;
- Oversee the organization of events and activities, such as poverty reduction training, knowledge sharing events, high-level international conferences and expert consultation meetings;
- Support missions from HQ and regional office in relation to poverty reduction;
- Participate in multi-disciplinary teams, and/or theme groups to collaborate with other agencies on poverty reduction and agricultural development;
- Perform other relevant duties within his/her technical competence as needed based on FAOR, SP3 and/or CTA request.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 2 to 3 pilot and innovative initiatives in the area of poverty reduction are developed, in relation to the second priority of China CPF
- 4-5 case studies documenting the impact on poverty alleviation resulting from IPM-FFS interventions
- Timely delivery of succinct inputs for project annual progress reports and other relevant activity reports
- Smooth working relationships established with national and provincial government counterparts as well as relevant service providers, including those contracted under Letters of Agreement
- knowledge exchange activities through South-South and Triangular Cooperation linked to reducing rural poverty strategies is operational;
- Best practices on rural poverty reduction using South-South Cooperation mechanism are documented and disseminated.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Minimum Requirements:

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, socio-economic studies, rural development or a closely related discipline;
- Minimum 3 years of work experience in the field of rural development, poverty reduction, social protection, or related disciplines;
- Working knowledge of English.

Competencies

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

Addition Selection Criteria

- Solid skills to analyse, summarize and organize technical information;
- Familiarity with the relevant national institutions and policies and programmes;
- Knowledge and experience of the work and programmes of FAO and/or other UN agencies working in these areas, and/or in the development field organizations;
- Knowledge and experience of South-South Cooperation is desirable;
- Good communication skills, both oral and written;
- Experience in research, coordination is an advantage.

Please note that all candidates should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

The post is open to Chinese Nationals only and only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

Send your application with your CV and Personal History Form (PHF) to:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in China Jianguomenwai Diplomatic Compound, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China.100600 E-mail: FAO-CN@fao.org Please quote our no: VA - National Consultant on Poverty Reduction/South-South Cooperation
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This vacancy is open to Chinese citizen, male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates are encouraged.

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