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Senior Finance Advisor

Context

According to Thailand’s 2015 Biennial Update Report under UNFCCC, agriculture is responsible for approximately one-fifth of Thailand’s total GHG emissions, and is thereby the second largest emitting sector after the energy sector. Rice cultivation is particularly important, as it is cultivated on roughly half of all agricultural land in Thailand, and accounts for more than half of emissions from agriculture. Thailand is the world’s 4th largest emitter of rice-related GHG – mainly methane, particularly in irrigated rice production, flooding of paddy fields leads to significant emissions of CH₄, which has a global warming potential 28 times higher than CO₂.

A lack of incentives and knowledge is currently preventing farmers from adopting low-emission rice production practices, which include more advanced and capital-intensive field practices necessary for GHG mitigation. In addition, there are very few service providers for mitigation services in rice production. Other systemic barriers include gaps in existing national standards and regulations with respect to climate change mitigation in agriculture, and a lack of suitable large-scale (financial) incentive mechanisms to target the whole rice value chain or the larger agriculture sector.

Thai Rice NAMA Project

To overcome these barriers, Thai Rice NAMA, funded by the NAMA Facility, will enable a shift towards low-emission rice production in Thailand (outcome) through a combination of three core components which are 1) enabling farmers to implement low-emission rice farming, 2) supporting entrepreneurs in providing mitigation services to farmers, and 3) policy formulation and supporting measures promoting low-emission production at the national political level. The project will reach out to 100,000 farmer households in the six central plains provinces, namely, Chainat, Ang-thong, Pathum Thani, Singburi, Ayutthaya, Suphanburi (CAPSAS).

The main project implementing partners include the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) – in particular the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) – and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC). Under MoAC, the Rice Department is a major sectoral partner. The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC), a public development bank operating under the Ministry of Finance (MoF), will administer the project’s financial mechanism. The financial mechanism involves the set-up of a revolving fund to foster private investments in low-emission rice farming and the operation of a green loan program. The project will start in July 2018 and operate until June 2023.

To support project activities especially in the areas of financial mechanism/cooperation, we are looking for a Senior Finance Advisor with the following responsibilities.

He / She will:

- Provide strategic input and advisory services into the development/management of financial mechanism/cooperation (revolving fund and loan program fostering green investments) and support project fund monitoring
- Provide project management support including in particular the setting up and management of grant agreement/management between GIZ and BAAC
- Provide regular technical input, facilitate discussions with governmental partners, particularly BAAC, and collect, document and analyze information with regards to the project financial cooperation
- Support the work processes of Thai Rice NAMA working group (business model and financial mechanism) and ensure synergies between the national and subnational level working level on the topic of financial cooperation.
- Lead the planning, implementation and facilitation/moderation of meetings, training workshops and other project activities related to the development and implementation of financial mechanism/cooperation of the Thai Rice NAMA
- Contribute to cross-cutting tasks such as monitoring, reporting and impact measurement;

Qualifications:

We are looking for a candidate who preferably possesses (the equivalent of):

- University degree or equivalent in relevant discipline to achieve the program objectives (e.g. Finance, Economics, Business administration or other relevant fields);
- More than 5 years of experience in agriculture finance in a comparable position with sound knowledge of business extension;
- Experience in setting up and managing funding mechanism to support the implementation of development project;
- Good interpersonal and intercultural skills in communication with stakeholders (i.e. communicate with relevant partners, farmers, agricultural bank, service providers);
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in Thai and English. Good knowledge of German language is an asset;
- Willingness to travel and working knowledge of ICT and computer applications; and
- Willingness to upskill as required by the tasks to be performed – corresponding measures are agreed with management.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in October 2018 and running until September 2020 (with high possibility of extension).

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Friday, 19th October 2018. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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