

As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, the German government owned Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH operates on behalf of German Ministries, the governments of other countries and international clients. GIZ has a record of more than 60 years working in Thailand. For our project “Market Oriented Smallholder Value Chains – MSVC Thailand” we are currently looking for a Field Staff

Field Staff

Location: Surin and Roi-et Provinces

Market Oriented Smallholder Value Chains – MSVC Thailand (or BRIA II-Thailand) are being implemented in the provinces Ubon Ratchathani, Surin and Roi-Et in Northeast Thailand. Community Rice Centers (CRCs) were recently established on the sub-district level and supported by the Thai Rice Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC). CRCs have become an important structure as farmers’ organizations to establish farmer field schools, strengthen farmers’ bargaining power for purchasing inputs and facilitate access to markets and finance. The average scope represented within CRCs is 160 ha managed by 50 farmers. MSVC in Thailand will target the same regions where the Better Rice Initiative Asia (BRIA) is currently engaged and pilot farmers have produced a first batch of certified rice according to the SRP Standard in November 2016 and 2017.

Therefore, the project will build on existing relationships with local farmers and CRCs, the Thai Rice Department, Department of Agricultural Extension and millers. The aim is to reach 200-300 CRCs clustered around approximately 20 rice mills.

The main role of the field staff is to facilitate and coordinate project activities in the province level, which focus in farmer training in sustainable rice production method. Specifically, the field staff will complete the following tasks:

1. Management responsibility
 - To be responsible for the orders and measures in the farmer training component that are assigned to him/her and to facilitate the successful MSVC project implementation in the province level.

2. Professional advisory services
 - To set-up, facilitate, and execute the training activities in the area, with joint coordination with related participants and local stakeholders
 - To monitor the field activities, provide reports and documents on the progress of local activities, identifies bottlenecks and recommends alternative solution options
 - To implement quality assurance measures and suggests necessary changes, improvements and initiatives
 - To provide technical advice to farmers regarding to sustainable rice production standard.
 - To facilitate the linkage between farmers and mills.
 - To be actively supply input of possible improvement of planned activities

3. Networking and cooperation
 - To establish good relationship with local partners in the areas e.g. rice millers, farmer groups, local government, etc.
 - To communicate and promote the project's interests and exchanges ideas and information for the benefit of the project
 - To collect relevant information from the field on the sustainable rice production system and other supporting data as a baseline (i.e.: farmer database, miller database, etc.)
4. Knowledge management
 - To contribute in developing strategies and technical concepts to improve the project implementation
 - To draw up reports and presentation documents for field coordinator
5. Other duties/additional tasks
 - To perform other duties and tasks given by the field coordinator

Qualifications

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

- University degree in Agricultural Science, Agriculture extension, Sustainable agriculture production, Agri-Business or related field
- Minimum of one-year experience in a similar position in an agricultural development project.
- Good speaking skills, in particular in front of farmer groups or at public meetings, self-motivated, confident, respectful and friendly appearance.
- Experiences in organizing and documentation of meetings, trainings, and workshop.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting as soon as possible and running until December 2020.

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Friday, 19th April 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. GIZ Thailand is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages gender diversity within the company and operations.

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