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For the regional project component “**Collaborative Actions for Single-Use Plastic Prevention in South-East Asia (CAP SEA)**”, implemented in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, we are currently looking for a Project Coordinator

Project Coordinator (Thailand)

Existing production and consumption patterns in Southeast Asian countries are based on a largely linear raw materials economy in which plastic materials in particular are poorly managed and disposed as waste after a short period of use. The widespread use of single-use plastic (SUP) contributes significantly to the entry into and pollution of water and sea. Low raw material prices, counterproductive incentive systems, a lack of awareness and a lack of alternatives are main reasons for the rapidly growing amount of disposable plastic.

Thailand has recognized that the introduction of circular economy (CE) principles in production and trade along the waste hierarchy (i.e. reduce, reuse, recycle) can be an essential solution. Existing voluntary initiatives by industry, trade and services to reduce and properly collect and recycle packaging materials have been limited in their overall impact.

Also, SUP prevention business models, such as product service systems (e.g. Cup-as-a-Service), alternative materials (e.g. sea weed based food container) or product stewardship (e.g. deposit refund system) are often niche products with low potential for upscaling. Experiences from other countries show that for scale effects to work in in SUP prevention, such business models need to be embedded in a conducive regulatory framework. Therefore both, industry initiatives and SUP prevention business models require strategic government support.

Government support can include incentives (e.g. favoring packaging-free solutions in the context of public procurement), recycling market development (e.g. reducing barriers and stimulating post-consumer recycling content in products), a gradual introduction of extended producer responsibility (EPR), bans on certain single-use products, but also voluntary commitments by main polluters. For example, ban on specific SUP products (e.g. plastic cups) contributes to the viability of Cup-as-a-Service business models that currently emerged in various Southeast Asian states. Based on the polluter pays principle, those who pollute should bear the environmental and health-related costs of pollution, which in this case translates into supporting a coherent SUP prevention policy.

This project objective in Thailand aims at contributing to **the reduction of single use plastic (SUP) generation through innovative business models and capacity development**. The project corresponds to the Thai Plastic Roadmap that aims to reduce or ban SUP products substituting these through durable, better repairable and environmentally friendlier alternatives; promotion of the recycled market or business models that encourage plastic recycling or reuse

following the concept of circular economy; and public-private partnerships that address the issue of single use plastic and jointly develop solutions.

GIZ intends to support the Government of Thailand in implementing and institutionalizing Single Use Plastic prevention strategies. This includes capacity development, training measures, knowledge dissemination, and the implementation of pilot projects amongst other things. The project component is part of a global project headquartered in Germany. The regional headquarters for South East Asia will be in Bangkok, with offices also in Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta.

The project coordinator Thailand is responsible for:

- autonomously implement activities of the project related to Thailand
- autonomously develop the partner network in Thailand; particularly cooperate and coordinate with relevant government ministries and agencies (PCD, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment), other relevant GIZ programmes, other development agencies, but also with other public, non-governmental, development and private organisations in Thailand;
- autonomously liaise and cooperate with Thailand GIZ country office and realize synergies with bi-lateral and global projects;
- autonomously draft ToR, develop contracting and supervise contract implementation.
- support the development of the implementation strategy, action planning and monitoring of project activities in line with project goals jointly with partners and the management;
- support efficient sustainable knowledge transfer and capacity development.

The Project Coordinator Thailand for CAP SEA performs the following tasks:

A. Tasks

1. Pilot Project Implementation

The project coordinator

- Identify / Design together with international and local partners from public and private sector suitable pilot project concepts and locations to showcase SUP prevention business models
- Build strong relationships, steer and manage the implementation of pilot projects
- If applicable: Steer, mentor and support the local political partner to draft guidelines

2. Administration

The project coordinator

- coordinates with management to develop admin and project functions within the country, such as communication, reporting lines, internal rules, etc;
- coordinates with management to develop finance functions, such as cash-flow, budgeting, controlling, integrity management, etc.;
- enables collaborative development of action plans, result-based monitoring system and other management tools for the efficient and effective implementation of the project;
- develops autonomous contract and manages with third parties;
- organises the day-to-day operational management of the project within the country: control project implementation and timely provision of deliverables, quality control, facilitation and coordinates of short-term experts, etc;

3. Other related tasks

The project coordinator

- closely coordinates and regular communication with the management (i.e. team meeting and Jour Fixe) to consult, reflect and jointly develop the strategic orientation of the project;
- actively contributes to GIZ TH internal coordination/knowledge management structures, such as clusters, relevant working groups, country planning, etc.
- support the management in strategic development of the project, including network development, acquisition of funds, private sector development, etc.

B. Required qualifications, competences and experience

Qualifications

- Master's degree, in a course related to the project/program's issues, specialisation in a field related to environmental science/ management;
- proven experiences in working for or with GIZ or other international development agencies, preferable coordinating country activities;
- experience with circular economy approaches, ideally upstream single use plastic avoidance, also waste management
- plus 5 years relevant occupational experience in project management, planning and coordination;
- experience in working with Thai government institutions
- good understanding of sustainable consumption and production in Thailand and circular economy approaches.
- ability to work independently and to do travels within the country, the region and globally.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting as soon as possible and running until March 2023

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Friday, 18th September 2020. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

With your application please also provide a 2-page short essay on any one of the 2 topics below:

1. What are viable strategies for Thailand to drastically reduce consumption of single use plastic?
2. When looking at the recycling market in Thailand: which challenges exist and how could they be addressed?

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