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SRP Advocacy and Training Officer

Context:

The **Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP)** is a global multi-stakeholder alliance launched in 2011, that works to safeguard livelihoods of farmers while minimizing environmental impacts of rice production. It has fostered partnerships to enable farmers to adopt sustainable rice cultivation practices, connected farmers with buyers seeking sustainably produced rice, and driven scale through advocacy. The SRP has proven that by following sustainable practices, smallholder farmers can produce at lower cost, increase net incomes, protect their health, and reduce the environmental and climate footprint of rice cultivation. See www.sustainablerice.org.

The SRP Secretariat is responsible for establishing and managing systems and processes to enable the SRP to operate effectively; it supports over 100 SRP Members to engage in these processes.

Project:

The **Mainstreaming Sustainable Rice through the SRP** project (2020 – 2023) will support the SRP e.V. to upgrade its tools, systems and processes for use at a larger scale – to multiply the production of and demand for sustainable rice.

Project activities will result in a stronger SRP that can coordinate and expand initiatives to reach and deliver tangible benefits to 1 million smallholder farmers by 2023 and beyond the project term.

The project will focus on:

- **Establish SRP National Chapters to optimize country-level approaches and mainstream sustainable practices through policy measures;**
- **Elevate SRP Standard and Performance Indicators and associated upstream capacity building systems to meet international benchmarks for credible standards;**
- Increase value of SRP Trademarks and broker relationships with downstream rice value chain actors to expand market penetration;
- Engage in data-driven reporting on impacts for more powerful communications and more effective knowledge management; and
- Work with scaling partners to drive sector transformation.

Position:

In support of the Sustainable Rice Platform e.V., we are looking for an **SRP Advocacy and Training Officer** who will coordinate efforts to (1) support the establishment of SRP National Chapters to advocate and mainstream sustainable practices at country-level, and (2) manage the SRP training program to ensure availability of high-quality training for target audiences and target markets.

Responsibilities and Tasks:

S/he will rapidly achieve proficiency in the current tools, systems and processes used by SRP in order to serve SRP and its members effectively in the tasks listed below. S/he may be assigned additional tasks to support the SRP Secretariat.

Country engagement and advocacy:

- Communicate the value of SRP National Chapters to SRP members and stakeholders
- Manage processes outlined in the *Protocol for the Establishment of SRP National Chapters*
- Support stakeholder-mapping in priority countries in which to form SRP National Chapters
- Engage multi-stakeholders in priority countries, including government agencies to lead or participate in SRP National Chapters
- Advise in-country stakeholders on the development and implementation of SRP National Chapter work plans to scale SRP adoption in-country
- Oversee annual reporting by SRP National Chapters on activities and impacts according to the SRP Performance Indicators
- Facilitate platform for exchange among SRP National Chapters

Capacity development and training:

- Maintain global-level training curricula and modules on the SRP Standard, Performance Indicators and Assurance Scheme (hereafter referred to as SRP core tools)
- Coordinate multi-stakeholder process to develop global-level training curricula and modules on new SRP core tools
- Coordinate the design and development of digital training and e-learning solutions that support scaling, cost-effectively
- Manage processes to review and endorse institutions to deliver training on behalf of SRP
- Maintain online training calendar and promote training hosted by training providers
- Maintain online registry of persons certified to deliver training on SRP
- Facilitate platform for peer exchange among certified trainers
- Facilitate matching of SRP National Chapters with training providers or certified trainers
- Assemble bi-annual reports on training activity

Qualifications:

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

- Degree in agronomy, development studies, education, natural resource management, public policy or an area that is relevant to achieve the project's objectives
- Minimum five (5) years of experience in multi-stakeholder coordination (including direct engagement with government and stakeholder representatives), capacity development or related expertise, preferably in the field of international development
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, including active listening and clear articulation of concepts
- Work experience in the field of sustainable agriculture is an asset
- Team player with strong organizational, multi-tasking and problem-solving skills
- Fluency in English language is required; Thai or German language is an asset
- Excellent computer literacy (Microsoft Office, email, internet)

Contract:

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in November 2020 and running until October 2021 (with high possibility of extension).

Staff onboarded by GIZ will be seconded to the Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. for day-to-day direction on the responsibilities and tasks listed above. The staff will serve as a full member of the SRP Secretariat. The SRP Secretariat is led by the SRP Executive Director.

Duty station will be in Bangkok, Thailand.

Application:

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is 30 October 2020. 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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