

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 the Green Climate Fund project preparation of “**Low-carbon, climate resilient Rice**” we are currently looking for a Project assistant.

Project Assistant

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. While on the other hand rice farming is largely affected by climate change and Thailand listed as one ten countries most vulnerable to climate risks.

A lack of incentives and knowledge is currently preventing farmers from adopting climate-resilient practices and moving to 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 adaptation and 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.

GCF Project Development

To overcome these barriers, the Thai Rice NAMA, funded by the NAMA Facility, enables a shift towards low-emission rice production in Thailand 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. To upscale the work of the Thai Rice NAMA project and further support adaption capacity of farmers, GIZ is applying for further funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

GCF project development partners include the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC). Under MoAC, the Rice Department will be a major sectoral partner. Financial mechanisms are planned to be designed and implemented in partnership with public and / or commercial banks. The project development process started in September 2020 and will operate until December 2021.

To support project activities, we are looking for a Project Assistant with the following responsibilities:

He / She will

- Support coordination with public and private partners to drive forward the project development
- Organize and execute meetings, workshops and other project activities together with partner institutions
- Support with GCF project application documents and quality control
- Provide technical and administrative support to project team in relation
- Prepare internal project documents in Thai and English; and support with translations (Thai to English and vice versa)
- Maintain a good flow of communication and information between all involved partners

Qualifications:

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

- University degree in economics, business administration, agroecology, or other related fields.
- At least 1 – 2 years of relevant professional experience, e.g. in research, project development and application to international donors
- Interest in finance related topics and / or contacts in the Thai banking sector
- Ability to work independently in an international multi – cultural environment
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in Thai and English.
- Working knowledge of ICT, computer applications (Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook) and knowledge of social media is a plus.
- 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 as soon as possible and running until March 2022 (with possibility for extension).

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is October 30, 2020. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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