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Senior Advisor Thai Rice NAMA Finance

Agriculture is responsible for approximately one-fifth of Thailand's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Rice is particularly important as it is cultivated on roughly half of all agricultural land in Thailand and accounts for nearly 55% of emissions from agriculture. Thailand is the world's fourth-largest emitter of rice-related greenhouse gas. In irrigated rice production, flooding of paddy fields leads to significant emissions of methane, which has a global warming potential 28 times higher than carbon dioxide. The lack of incentives and services available to farmers is also preventing a transition to low-emission rice production practices.

Thai Rice NAMA, funded by NAMA Facility, is a joint project with the Thai government to encourage 100,000 small-holder farmers in the six central plains provinces to implement low-emission rice farming and make mitigation services and technologies accessible to farmers. To achieve the project's objective, access to finance is an important enabling factor. Farmer's need to make investments in new farming practices and a market for mitigation services is to be build up. The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC), a public agricultural development bank, is the main project implementing partner. BAAC manages a revolving fund to foster private investments in low-emission rice farming and through an existing credit program provides access to green loans. Technical assistance also will be essential to strengthen capacities of service providers to apply for loans and set-up sustainable business models.

Responsibilities

- Provide strategic guidance and recommendations for actions to the finance component of the Thai Rice NAMA project
- Develop operational plan, steer and monitor activities
- Steering of consultants
- Foster alignment of project objective and partner interests (BAAC / Rice Dept.)
- Relationship Management with BAAC; facilitate and improve effectiveness of the cooperation
- Provide guidance on management of BAAC – GIZ grant; support coordination with HQ contracts and finance department?
- Quality check of project documents and results
- Contribute to project reporting
- Support knowledge management and cooperation with GIZ TH Climate Cluster on Climate Finance topics and other units within GIZ

Qualifications:

We are looking for a candidate who preferably possesses the following qualifications and experiences (or the equivalent of):

- Master's degree in Economics, Finance, Business Management or a related field;
- More than 5 years of professional work experience preferably within the public with a focus on relationship management and business development;
- More than 5 years of professional work experience on climate/agriculture finance instruments, including investment strategies, lending, seed funding;
- Excellent interpersonal and intercultural skills in communication with stakeholders (i.e. communicate with relevant bank, public & private partners, service providers, and project staff);
- Experience in administering a financing mechanism to support the implementation of a development project an added asset;
- Ability to organize yourself and work in a team of international and Thai experts;
- Ability to communicate pro-actively and effectively in written and spoken English and Thai;
- Willingness to travel within Thailand.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in August 2021 and running until July, 2023. The position is remunerated according to GIZ (Senior)Advisor position.

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2021. 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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