

The German government's international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, operates world-wide 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 "Innovative Climate Risk Financing for the Agricultural Sector in ASEAN (Agri-Climate Risk Finance)", we are currently looking for a Financial Advisor.

Financial Advisor

In most ASEAN member states (AMS), the agricultural sector is the main source of income, contributes significantly to economic output and is heavily dependent on the weather. In recent decades extreme weather events, such as droughts and floods, have increased in frequency and impact due to climate change, while smallholders often have limited financial means to deal with the consequences of natural disasters. Agricultural insurance makes compensation payments after extreme weather events; in addition, loans or savings can be used to finance recovery and investments to adapt to climate change.

In recent years, ASEAN has begun to systematically support financing solutions for climate risks in the agricultural sector and relevant agricultural insurance programs exist in Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines; Vietnam is starting. However, smallholders do not have sufficient access to financial instruments to increase their resilience.

The project aims to improve farmers' access to climate risk finance and is active in four areas:

- (1) Institutional and political embedding of the topic of climate risk finance in ASEAN;
- (2) Improved access to climate risk financing: insurance, loans, savings;
- (3) Strengthening the technical capabilities of value chain actors and financial institutions; and
- (4) Leveraging sustainability standards for climate risk financing.

In your role as the **Financial Advisor** of the DKTI-funded project "Innovative Climate Risk Financing for the Agricultural Sector in ASEAN", you will be responsible for ensuring the synergy of financial components of the project, including topic related to crop insurance and climate risk finance in Thailand. The activity implementation will contribute to overall project objectives. You will work closely with the Agri-Climate Risk Finance Project Manager and Director, and partners from the public, private and research sector in Thailand.

A. Responsibilities

The advisor is responsible for

- Coordinate project activities related to financial components in Thailand together with the Agri-Climate Risk Finance Project Manager as well as other project manager(s) of the selected GIZ projects for result delivery, synchronizing project activities, and to align with the overall project objectives.
- Contribute to strategic and annual planning of the project on the components related to finance.
- Develop and implement concepts to increase access to climate risk finance (climate adaptation) including linkage with the sustainability standard.
- Advise and enhance project partners' capacity and knowledge on effective instruments for climate risk finance in agriculture

- Be resource person and coordinate with financial advisor(s) in Indonesia and Vietnam to exchange, provide peer-to-peer advice and synchronize regional activities on project's financial components.
- Work together with the project manager and project advisor on managing knowledge and enhancing visibility of the climate risk finance as climate adaptation measures at national and regional level.

The professional advisor performs the following tasks:

B. Tasks

1. Advising the partner institution(s) and team members

- Observe relevant developments and initiatives on access to finance and climate risk finance in agriculture in Thailand and beyond
- Provide technical and institutional knowledge to support strategic planning of financial components of the project
- Identify the needs for capacity development in partner institutions and the target group
- Advise partners from public and private sector on financial product improvement and climate risk finance in agriculture. This includes possibility to introducing climate risk finance instrument into agricultural sustainability standard.
- Support the development and implementation of innovative partnership models along the rice value chain and the selected agricultural standard(s) to address climate risk and improve financial product
- Contribute to the development of specific guidelines and policy recommendations related to innovative climate risk financing on the national and ASEAN level
- Provide technical guidance related to finance/climate risk finance for the contracting of experts, studies, service providers or grant recipients
- Provide professional inputs to trainings, workshops, seminars, and other events implemented by the project or partners in Thailand or by selected GIZ Thailand project(s)
- Together with the project manager and project director, develop future commissions on the topic of agricultural finance / climate finance.

2. Networking and cooperation

- Represent the project to partners from the private sector, civil society, research institutes and development agencies active in the field of innovative, inclusive and sustainable finance including climate risk finance in agriculture as well as in the rice sector to inform and enhance project's visibility
- Coordinate to synergise project activities with the selected GIZ Thailand project(s) as well as the partners at the national level from government and private sector
- Engage partners in project planning and implementation as appropriate
- Support the project and partners in the design and implementation of concepts for financial product improvement and climate risk finance in agriculture
- Participate in and contribute to relevant processes, fora, events, and meetings on the ASEAN, national and provincial level
- Together with the team, support the planning and implementation of events, for example, regional knowledge exchange, regional technical workshop, missions from GIZ and German government institutions.

3. Knowledge management

- Lead the development of materials for capacity development - including guidelines, partnership agreements, training manuals, and procedures
- Lead the development of in-house knowledge management product and materials including lessons learnt to support project activities and GIZ when relevant.
- Prepare appropriate input for various project/programme reports including annual reports, and contributes to the other reports required by the programme manager and GIZ Head Office

4. Coordination tasks

- Lead the operational and financial planning of project activities related to financial components in coordination with the project team
- Coordinate financial related activities on the ASEAN level with GIZ teams in Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam
- Commission and supervise the work of service providers at the local level in line with GIZ rules and regulations for the assignment led by the financial advisor
- Together with the project manager, monitor the implementation of activities in accordance with the operational and budget plans and report to management
- Coordinate the implementation of a result-based monitoring system to measure indicators of success of the financial components
- Together with the project team members, provide information on project progress and conditions internal and external communication
- Other tasks as required for successful project implementation

C. Required qualifications, competences and experience

Qualifications

- At least a master's degree in agricultural economics, finance, business administration or a related field
- A minimum of 10 years of professional experience, related to access to finance or the development of financial products, preferably related to financing agriculture
- At least 7 years of experience in project management related to access to finance in agriculture and or sustainable supply chains
- Extended knowledge on financial products for agriculture, climate risk finance and financial literacy
- Proven experience working in close cooperation, with government agencies in Thailand, experience in ASEAN is considered an advantage
- Work experience with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for management of financial data and technology approaches to improve access to finance and climate risk management
- Work experience for, or in cooperation with, the private sector in agricultural supply chains preferred; work experience in, or in cooperation with, an international organization is considered an advantage
- Thai nationality

Professional experience

- 5-7 years' professional experience, with at least 5 years' professional experience in a comparable position

Other knowledge, additional competences

- Track record in successful project management
- Experience in project monitoring and reporting
- Strong network with the financial sector, fintech and organizations working on financial product/access to finance in agriculture
- Experience in coordinating small teams and external consultants
- Pro-active attitude, flexibility, and hands-on approach to problem-solving. Be assertive and team player
- Knowledge of GIZ instruments, procedures, and rules is considered an advantage
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- very good working knowledge of ITC technologies and computer applications (e.g. MS Office)
- willingness to upskill as required by the tasks to be performed

Duty station:

The Financial Advisor will be based in Bangkok at the GIZ's Food and Agriculture Cluster Office located at Sukhumvit 11 (Nana). The advisor may need to travel outside Bangkok as well as within the ASEAN region to support the project and activity implementation.

Contract:

This will be a fixed-term contract starting around October 2022 and running until December 2023, with high possibility of extension.

Application:

Please submit 1) **cover letter** introducing yourself, professional background, and how your skills fit this position, and 2) **CV** to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for application is until **25 July 2022**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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