

As an international cooperation enterprise 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 to provide tailor-made, cost-efficient and effective services for sustainable development. GIZ has a record of more than 60 years working in Thailand. For the project “Sustainability and Value Added in Agricultural Supply Chains (Global Project - GP AgriChains): Sectoral empowerment to enhance livelihoods and climate resilience of smallholder coffee producers (Thailand - iDPP)”, we are currently looking for a Field Advisor Robusta Coffee.

Field Advisor Robusta Coffee

Sectoral empowerment to enhance livelihoods and climate resilience of smallholder coffee producers (Thailand - iDPP)

With its iDPP Framework of Global Programme, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) helps drive forward private companies' innovative projects in developing countries and emerging markets while generating long-term benefits for the local population. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in Thailand on behalf of BMZ is commencing a new project to support smallholder coffee farmers in Thailand to improve economic livelihoods and climate resilience.

The objective of this assignment is to support the project activities, in particular the capacity building of smallholder coffee farmers on Regenerative Agriculture, Farmer Business School (FBS), Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), optimizing and upscaling of developed and new intercropping and income diversification models and farmer group development in order to achieve the improved smallholder coffee communities' economic livelihoods and climate resilience.

A. Responsibilities

In specific, the incumbent is responsible for the:

- Support development/ adjustment of training materials that will be used for coffee farmers in Thailand.
- Develop own competencies in Regenerative Agriculture Practices (RAP), Farmer Business School (FBS), coffee-related good agricultural practices (GAP), Agroforestry and Landscape Restoration within training courses of the project.
- Educates farmers with regards to Regenerative Agriculture Practices (RAP), a 'farming as a business' learning approach (Farmer Business School, FBS), good agricultural practices (GAP), and coffee intercropping model in the Robusta coffee growing area in Southern Thailand (Chumphon, Ranong and extended areas).

- Supports on farmer group and/or farmer organization development for the Robusta coffee farmers in the South of Thailand (Chumphon, Ranong and extended areas)
- Supports development of the FBS digital application and introduces the application to target coffee farmers
- Closely monitors and helps direct execution of the trainings and field demonstrations to ensure the quality, quantity, and timeliness of the expected deliverables.
- Keeps contact with target farmers through general farm visits, regular refresher trainings and coaching on RAP and FBS in order to continuous monitor adoption and project progress.
- Coordinate with relevance partners at local level where possible.
- Providing inputs and support on developing project's promotional materials and promotional activities/ events related to the project.

The Field Advisor Robusta Coffee shall perform the following tasks:

B. Tasks

1. Coordination and monitoring

The staff shall professionally:

- Provides support to smallholder coffee farmers and their groups in view of improving soil health and soil fertility and thus improving the resilience of farmland to climate change, landscape restoration, developing and scaling up agroforestry and/or intercropping archetypes. All to improve farm productivity and farm economics, increase biodiversity and lower their carbon footprint which can therefore help improve farmers' livelihoods.
- Provides inputs to the project's database and analyses field data, and submits reports on such analyses, concerns, and issues that arise during field work. Makes recommendations on improvements of field implementation on a regular basis; communicates project status and outcomes to all related parties in English language.
- Establishes positive and friendly work relationships with individual farmers and farmer groups in order to understand their socio-economic background and identify factors that are crucial for adoption of proposed new technologies or practices.
- Maintains effective and timely collaboration with other team members, government partners, private sector, and farmers to deliver the expected outcomes in view of achieving project objectives.
- support the planning and coordination of meetings, trainings, workshops and other related activities in delivering the project outcomes.

2. Networking / Business Development

The staff shall professionally

- coordinate with other relevance stakeholders (i.e. private sector, government) to create enabling environment for smallholder coffee farmers in adopting RAP, FBS, GAP practices, and agroforestry.

3. Implementation of project activities

The staff shall professionally

- coordinate with the experts, other stakeholders, coffee farmers in implementing the project activities & project monitoring.
- support implementation and documentation of meetings, trainings and workshops.
- support project implementation, monitoring and reporting, including recording and documentation of results and elaboration of project reports;
- lead implementation and facilitation of meetings, training workshops and others related activities.

4. General obligations

The staff shall professionally:

- be familiar with the Thai policies, strategies and officials structure in supporting productivity and profitability of Robusta coffee;
- be familiar with GIZ planning, implementation and reporting procedures and their changes;
- be familiar with other programme components, GIZ-assisted frameworks and tools for project implementation and monitoring and evaluation; and
- represent the interest of the GIZ-assisted measure and always acts on its behalf.

5. Other duties/additional tasks

The staff shall professionally

- perform other duties and tasks at the request of management.

C. Required qualifications, competences and experience

Qualifications

- University degree in an area that is relevant to achieve the program objectives (e.g., Agricultural Science, Agriculture extension, Sustainable agriculture production, Agri-Business)

Professional experience

- Minimum of 3-year experience in a similar position in an agricultural development project.
- Good speaking skills, in particular in front of farmer groups or at public meetings, self-motivated, confident, respectful, and friendly appearance.
- Experiences in organizing and documentation of meetings, trainings, and workshop.

Other knowledge, additional competences

- Ability to drive (car, including motorcycle) and possess driving license.
- Be flexible in working hours and be able to work extra hours if needed.
- Be able to travel and work with farmers in the assigned areas.
- Good command of English and being able to communicate effectively in English.
- Proficient computer skills (Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, etc.) and their use in reporting; skills in data management and analysis in Excel an advantage.
- Good interpersonal skills, team player, enjoys working with people at all levels.
- Self-motivated and can work independently with minimal supervision.
- Having "Can do" attitude and some organizational talent in handling busy schedules.
- Works well under deadline pressure and overcomes differences in opinion.
- Shows understanding and willingness to support people's development via training, coaching, and mentoring.

Application:

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is 25 December 2022. 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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