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Junior Advisor
Feasibility Study on Carbon Credit in the Rice Sector

Rice is the most important agricultural crop in Thailand, ensuring the livelihoods of a significant share of the population.

However, rice is also a significant contributor to Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG), mainly through methane from flooded paddy as well as the application of mineral fertilizers. The burning of agricultural residues like rice straw and stubble after the harvest further exacerbates the problem. At the same time, the sector is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including through increased seasonal variability in weather patterns and a higher frequency of extreme events (e.g. floods, droughts and temperature extremes). In recent decades, extreme weather events, such as droughts and floods, have already increased in frequency and impact due to climate change, while smallholder rice farmers often have limited financial means and insufficient technical capacity to adapt.

In addition, carbon credits are now of interest for several organizations and would be an opportunity for additional income for local communities as well as an incentive for farmers to adopt low emission practices. Therefore, the GIZ Food & Agriculture Cluster in Thailand is looking to conduct a feasibility study to assess the potential of a carbon credits project in the Thai rice sector.

Tasks and responsibilities:

The Junior Advisor is expected to carry out the following tasks:

- Support and coordinate the feasibility study through e.g. preparing relevant documents/presentations for (online/physical) meetings, workshops, meeting events (including on-field).
- Support and coordinate between GIZ InS HQ, GIZ Agriculture in Bangkok office and in field office.
- Support in drafting project documentation, carbon credit research and analysis, data collection and proposal development including on-field visits and engagement with local stakeholders.
- Support and backstop external contractors and service providers, incl. meetings or studies in the project region.
- Visit potential location for the implementation area, liaise with potential stakeholders, including farmers and farmer organizations, private sector partners, relevant public actors (e.g. Rice Department, Department of Agricultural Extension, and others).
- Identify possible networks with local actors for working on the topic of carbon credits.
- Assist in the development of project materials such as preparing project factsheet and communication materials, preparing PowerPoint presentations, drafting articles and translation of documents.
- Other relevant tasks assigned.

Qualifications:

- Thai nationality only.
- At least Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, Agricultural Development, Agricultural Engineering, Engineering, and Science, Agricultural Economics and Business, Chemistry, Biology, Forestry, Natural Resources or related fields.
- 2-3 years of working experience in a position broadly related to the agricultural industry or agricultural development, or standard certification, or a related field.
- Previous working experience in the rice industry, rice certification standard, or carbon credits (in particular, knowledge of standards and certification mechanisms for voluntary offsets, e.g. Verra, Gold Standard, T-VER and others) is a strong asset.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent command of the Thai language (both written and spoken), and excellent English skills (written and spoken).
- Excellent command of MS Office package (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and Microsoft Teams.

Personal attributes and competencies:

- Self-motivated, flexible and resourceful.
- Good organizational and conceptualization skill.
- Hands-on mentality and detail-oriented work ethics.
- Ability to work independently and in a team.
- Ability to work under time pressure and meet deadlines with strong attention to consistency, detail, and quality.
- Interest and desire to work in a cross-cultural context, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable agriculture value chains.
- Interest in business development.
- Ability to travel and work with several partners and actors.

Duty station and timeframe:

The candidate will be based in Bangkok and will be expected to incur in some domestic travel, as needed. In addition, the candidate is expected to commence **on 1 year contract with the possibility of an extension depending on the outcome of the feasibility.**

Please carefully read this announcement and **submit 1) a CV AND 2) a cover letter in English** to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de and aroonratt.soontonbura@giz.de .

The **deadline for applications is 24 March 2023**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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