

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 project “Enhancing Climate Resilience in Thailand through Effective Water Management and Sustainable Agriculture” we are currently looking for a Community Development Advisor:

Community Development Advisor based in Phitsanulok

with focus on climate resilience in the water sector

Enhancing Climate Resilience in Thailand through Effective Water Management and Sustainable Agriculture (E-WMSA)

In the past years, GIZ’s focus in Thailand has strongly shifted towards the thematic area of climate change. Enhancing Climate Resilience in Thailand through Effective Water Management and Sustainable Agriculture (E-WMSA) project, funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), combines three main components; 1) **improved climate information and cross sectoral coordination**; 2) **improved water management by Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) measures**; and 3) **reduced volatility of agriculture livelihoods**, to offer a holistic approach for enhancing climate resilience in Thailand.

Among three components, to adapt water management in the Yom and Nan river basins in response to climate change induced extreme weather events (droughts and floods), the work package on Complementing of grey infrastructure with EbA measures and Integration of EbA approaches into water management policy and planning is commissioned to GIZ by United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to support the Royal Irrigation Department and local communities in 1) capacity building on EbA framework and approach, 2) identifying and implementing EbA measures to complement the planned grey infrastructure, and 3) integrating EbA measures into water management policy and planning.

We are looking for a **Community Development Advisor based in Phitsanulok**:

Main Role:

The role of the Community Development Advisor is to work alongside local government entities and communities to reach and agree on priorities to be included and implemented in the Yom and Nan River Basin with a focus on complementing EbA measures to grey infrastructures. The Community Development Advisor provides support and guidance to local communities and government entities to support well-informed and transparent planning and decision-making processes and to maintain awareness of community needs and challenges related to climate change.

Major Functions/Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Project Director/Manager and as a member of the sub-national implementation team, the incumbent will:

- Jointly develop and support the implementation of a comprehensive capacity development programme and strategy for project partner(s), including respective local governmental authorities, local communities, the River Basin Committees and its Secretariat, and private sector.
- Facilitate the timely implementation of project workplan at sub-national level and the alignment of planned activities with sub-national (development) plans and on-going government activities in terms of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) at river basin scale;
- Apply a broad range of community development and multi-stakeholder engagement processes and practices to assist local government entities and the community to identify and implement local priorities at the river basin scale;
- Build relationships and networks and maintain a very close working relationship with all relevant regional and local stakeholders in the selected river basin pilot areas to encourage their participation in planned activities for achieving the objective of the project;
- Support local government entities to convene working groups that relate to the implementation of local priorities and monitor emerging and current community issues and challenges;
- Expand partnerships and cooperation between community groups, academia, private sector and local government entities to strengthen EbA approach for strengthening water resource management in adaptation to climate change at river basin scale;
- Coordinate directly with local government entities and community groups to support the joint conduct of required assessments and studies as well as the design of EbA measures;
- Act as a resource person (facilitator/moderator) in the trainings organized for the communities and other partners in the region and support capacity building measures to key stakeholders as needed;
- Support the organization of meetings on national and sub-national levels by identifying, mobilising and preparing relevant participants for their participation in events;
- Support the identification, monitoring and evaluation of project progress based on the indicators;
- Assist in defining terms of reference, selection, and supervision of contracted third parties in carrying out specific activities like vulnerability and risk assessments and (economic) feasibility studies;
- Work closely with contracted third parties during their field missions in the project sites, guide and document site visits and organize special events as required by the project;
- Assist the promotion of the project through the development of stories, articles and other PR activities;
- Any other duty as required by supervisors

Competency Requirements:

The following knowledge and skills are required to be demonstrated and utilised:

- High level liaison and relationship building skills to establish and maintain networks and facilitate cooperation;
- Demonstrated knowledge of community mobilisation principles and practices and ability to navigate complex political and social structures;
- Demonstrated knowledge on linkages between national and sub-national planning and budgeting processes preferably in the water sector
- Recognized expertise in field of water resource management, integrated river basin management, climate change adaptation and/or on eco-system based adaptation is an advantage;
- Proven ability to work independently and as part of a team, to manage own time, set priorities, plan and organize work to meet timelines;
- Excellent communication and networking skills: Demonstrated good interpersonal skills in communication and facilitating meetings and workshops;
- Verbal and written communication skills with the ability to prepare reports and presentations in Thai and English

Professional Qualifications:

- Thai nationality only
- At least Master's degree in social or administrative science or related field;
- At least 5 years of professional working experience in a similar position in the field of development cooperation at local, sub-national and national levels;
- Substantial experience in Local Government settings, planning community engagement activities and facilitating local stakeholder to input to projects, plans and other activities;
- Demonstrated track record in building collaborative partnerships amongst public and private sectors and members of the community to achieve objectives and initiate change processes.

Duty station, Timeframe and Reporting Relationship:

The Community Development Advisor (CDA) holds duty station in Phitsanulok, Thailand. The CDA is supposed to start on 1 July 2023 with an initial contract period up to 30 June 2025. The CDA reports directly to the Project

Please carefully read the ad and **submit a CV AND a cover letter in English** to aronratt.soontonbura@giz.de The deadline for application is **30 June 2023**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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