

Terms of Reference (TOR)

Nutrition Specialist

Background

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) is co-funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Sri Lanka. It aims to contribute to reduce poverty among small-scale farmers and increase food security and nutrition in dry zones by building resilience and enabling rural households to access markets in geographies affected by climate change. The project is focused in select hotspots in Vauniya, Mannar, Puttlam, Kurunegala and Mathale districts aligned across the Deduru oya, Mee oya and Malwathu Oya river basins.

Scope of work:

The Nutrition Specialist supports the development and preparation of the nutrition programme and is responsible for managing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting the programme progress. The incumbent provides technical guidance and management support throughout the programming processes to facilitate the administration and achievement of concrete and sustainable results in maternal, infant and child nutrition programmes/projects.

Specific duties of the incumbent will include but are not limited to the following:

1. Select a team of Core Trainers to assist in preparing localized training materials on the relevance of improved nutrition to climate resilient productivity and livelihoods diversification.
2. Prepare and deliver a Training of Trainers programme for the Core Team of Trainers on nutrition and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) as relevant to the dry zone conditions of the country.
3. Provide back-up support to the Core Team of Trainers, extension workers and service providers and community facilitators as the field level training programme is rolled out.
4. Prepare a specialized training programme on nutrition for application within the Farmer Field School.
5. Design Nutrition Intervention Packages for the project area in close collaboration with the Value Chain Specialist, Extension staff with feedback from District offices and the World Food Programme (WFP) the implementing partner. This includes developing nutritive-rich home gardens, nurseries, aquaculture and small-scale livestock (goats and dairy cows) activities and linking them to the BCC activities.
6. Deliver a short training on nutrition for the cadre of community facilitators to familiarize them with content and strategies for implementing the nutrition packages in their districts.
7. Provide technical assistance and guidance to field level staff in the implementation of nutrition sensitive value chains to identify interventions at different stages of the Value Chain and nutritional challenges in each project district.
8. Support and monitor the mainstreaming of nutrition in the project through field visits,

providing course correction.

9. Document lessons learnt and achievements in mainstreaming nutrition and achieving targets (output and outcome) in the project.

10. Any other duties assigned by the project director

Qualifications/Experience Required:

1. A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree preferably in nutrition, public health, nutritional epidemiology, global/international health and nutrition, health/nutrition research, policy and/or management, health sciences, nutritional epidemiology, or another health-related science field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka

Or

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the Bachelor's degree in relevant field

Or

An associate membership / a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in relevant field

With

At least ten (10) years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level.

2. A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree preferably in nutrition, public health, nutritional epidemiology, global/international health and nutrition, health/nutrition research, policy and/or management, health sciences, nutritional epidemiology, or another health-related science field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka

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A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the Bachelor's degree in relevant field

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An associate membership / a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in relevant field

And

A Postgraduate Degree in nutrition, public health, nutritional epidemiology, global/international health and nutrition, health/nutrition research, policy and/or management, health sciences, nutritional epidemiology, or another health-related science field or similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

With

At least eight (08) years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level

3. Class I officer of a Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field

With

At least three (03) years of experience in the Class I post

Other Required Qualifications and Experiences

- Minimum of 3 years of relevant experience in a similar position in foreign funded projects.
- Excellent knowledge of and practical experience in Nutrition Management & application.
- Experience in the design of nutrition trainings and Social Behavioral change communications strategy
- Experience in health/nutrition programme/project development and management in a foreign funded project/s is an asset
- Familiarity with nutrition-sensitive agriculture approach and/or IFAD investment operations is an asset
- Understanding of economic, cultural and gender dynamics and of how they affect nutrition
- Experience and knowledge of the rules and procedures in force at the IFAD and the Government of Sri Lanka will be a plus;
- Computer-literate and well-versed in the use of MS Word, MS Excel and the Internet, and have demonstrated capability in MS Access
- Strong inter-personal skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Good oral and written communication skills in English and Sinhala, preferably in Tamil

Monthly consultancy fee: Equivalent to PS 3 level for Based on the Management Services Circular 01/2019

Duty station and duration

Colombo with frequent travel to the project sites.

Duration of services – Initially for 12 person months (full time) subject to 6 months' probation period



Expressions Of Interest (EOI)



Selection of Individual Consultant
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation
Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)

Calling EOI for hiring of the following positions on Consultancy Basis.

- 1. Natural Resource Management Specialist (01 position) - Project Management Unit**
- 2. Nutrition Specialist (01 position) - Project Management Unit**

The closing date for the submission of application will be **15th December 2024**

Please visit www.sarp.lk for more details about the required qualifications, experience, and as well as the application procedure.

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01st December 2024



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General Conditions Applicable for the Above - Mentioned Positions

All the Qualifications should be in the relevant field of the post. (Please refer the attached TOR)

Age Limit

Candidates who are below 45 years of age are encouraged to apply

Languages

Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Tamil with Sinhala She/He should have a good sound knowledge in Microsoft office packages as most of the work need to be done by him/herself. Working knowledge of another official language is desirable.

Duration of the Service

Duration of services - the duration of the post is mentioned in particular Term of Reference (TOR)

Location

Hub offices located in Nikawaratiya and Madawachchiya. However, traveling to project locations mentioned in the post are involved frequently.

Those who are interested **can download the TOR & EOI through website www.sarp.lk**. Please forward your proposal (complete resume with relevant copies of the certificates and experiences as per the TOR) **on or before 4.30 p.m. on 15th December 2024 by registered post/by hand to reach the following address and e-mail a soft copy of the registered post application with all the documents indicating subject of the email as the post you apply to procurementsarp@gmail.com** Please indicate name of the post you apply on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

For more details, please contact Procurement Specialist on +94 77 344 1309 or procurementsarp@gmail.com during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Address

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1st December 2024