

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
GRANT 0302-CAM: EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT- ADDITIONAL FINANCING

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received \$17.5 million grant and SDR11.126 million loan financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Emergency Food Assistance Project (EFAP). The project was designed to improve the immediate food security of approximately 500,000 poor and vulnerable people affected by high food prices. Towards the end of EFAP (September 2012), the RGC received a grant amounting \$24.5 million from Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) through the ADB toward the cost of Emergency Food Assistance Project-Additional Financing (EFAP-AF) to expand the scope and geographic coverage of the original Project. The Project is executed by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) through the Central Project Management Unit (CPMU). The intended impact of the Project is reduced vulnerability of food-insecure households that lack food security while the intended outcome is improved access to nutritious and sufficient food by the households that lack food security in the target provinces. The additional financing project (EFAP-AF) will be closed on 31 December 2015.

International Agronomy/Seed Sector Evaluation Expert (one position, 21 Working Days- Continuous)

The Objective of the assignment is to assist the CPMU in undertaking a study on the contribution of EFAP to Cambodia Seed Sector Development.

Qualifications and Experience

The consultant should have at least 8 years experience in developing countries with a formal qualification at the Masters level in Agronomy, Seed Science, Agriculture Economics, or a related field. The consultant should have extensive experience in the design and implementation of agriculture and/or value chain projects, seed sector and/or agriculture market research in developing countries. Cambodia or regional experience is preferred.

Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant will work closely with the CPMU to perform the following tasks:

- (i) conduct research on the seed production and supply program activity and outcomes, with particular attention to behavior change brought about in the small holders regarding use of quality seeds and its importance.
- (ii) conduct research to ascertain the availability of quality seeds at the local level before and after the project and in disaster situation.
- (iii) assess possible effects/ catalytic role/replication actions of seed production and supply program of the project that led to the current development, trends, and opportunities in Cambodia seed sector.

The detailed TOR for the above consulting assignment is available at the Project Website at: www.efap.org.kh or ADB CSRN website. Interested candidates must submit their application in hard copy at the below mentioned address or online at: cpmu@efap.org.kh or ADB CSRN website. Interested candidates must state in the application letter how s/he meets the selection criteria specified in the job descriptions.

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Women are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted Candidates will be contacted for interviews. Closing date for submission of EOI is 27 October 2015

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT-ADDITIONAL FINANCING (EFAP-AF)

Terms of Reference

International Agronomy/Seed Sector Evaluation Expert

(21 Working Day and continuous)

A. Background

1. The Emergency Food Assistance Project (EFAP) is funded by ADB and implemented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) to provide short-term transitional support to reduce vulnerability of food-insecure households (estimated 500,000 poor and vulnerable people affected by higher food prices through improved access to sufficient food and production inputs. The Project has three components: (i) compensatory consumption support, (ii) productivity enhancement support, and (iii) capacity development for emergency response to the food crisis and project management. EFAP has been implemented in 200 communes of the 7 Provinces around Tonle Sap from October 2008 to September 2012 with the MEF as the Executing Agency (EA) with support from line Ministries (IAs), Provincial Project Management Units (PPMUs) and commune councils.

2. The EFAP got a grant financing from Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) and the government funds, and is continuing for an additional period of three years commencing in October 2012 with a modified scope (Additional Financing Scope). The revised scope has the following intended impact and outcome: (i) intended impact - reduced vulnerability of food insecure households in the targeted beneficiaries; and (ii) intended outcome - improved access to sufficient and nutritious food by food insecure households. The expected outputs are: (i) increased availability to and awareness of nutritious food and hygiene; (ii) increased access to improved agricultural inputs and technologies; (iii) improved capacity to mainstream food security; and (iv) effective project implementation and management. The EFAP Additional Financing (EFAP-AF) Project is implemented in 100 target communes of the 10 provinces and will be closed on 31 December 2015.

3. While implementing the second component of EFAP (mentioned in para 1 above) and based on the lessons learned, the MEF (EA) together with ADB endorsed the MAFF (General Directorate of Agriculture 'GDA')-CPMU proposal to strengthen MAFF's existing seed production program on rice, vegetable and other crop seed through its existing research stations to: (i) produce and make available quality and local environment adapted rice, vegetable, and other crop seed to the targeted vulnerable people in order to increase their food security and to help in income-generation; (ii) directly support the farmer community/association by involving them in seed production; and (iii) set up seed reserve to meet the disaster situation. The quality seed production and supply program started since September 2010 and carried forward to the EFAP-AF (second output as mentioned in para 2 above). The Cambodia Food Reserve System was also established in September 2012.

B. Objective and Purpose of the Assignment

4. The main objective of the assignment is to assess the benefits of quality seed production and supply program within the Project areas context and impacts of the project activity, including an assessment of progress to impact and the catalytic role of the project in developing the Cambodia Seed sector as a whole.

5. The purpose of the benefits assessment is to appraise the projects contribution to the development of the Cambodia Seed sector as a whole. The benefits, catalytic role and multiplication effects of the seed production and supply should be described and progress assessed using quantifiable indicators where available. Any key lessons related to the achievement of the project should be highlighted. If no effects are discernible (i.e. nothing that can be specifically measured or commented on), then catalytic and replication actions carried out should be described.

C. Scope of Work

6. The scope of services will include, but not limited to (i) undertake research and analysis on the possible effects of seed production and supply program of the Project that led to the current development, trends, and opportunities for Cambodia seed sector, and (ii) provide “big picture” advice and recommend strategic directions on the seed sector development in line with the Royal Government of Cambodia Strategies. The Consultant will work under the overall guidance of the Project Director and report to the Project Director through the International Team Leader.

D. Detailed Tasks and/or Expected Output

7. The Consultant will

(i) conduct research (including desk review of project documents, interview with relevant stakeholders including project staffs, research stations, farmers' association, beneficiaries, etc. at the National and sub-national level) on the seed production and supply program activity and outcomes, with particular attention to behavior change brought about in the small holders regarding use of quality seeds and its importance.

(ii) conduct research (including interview with relevant stakeholders including Ministry of Agriculture, private sector, research stations, farmers' association, etc.) to ascertain the availability of quality seeds at the local level before and after the project and in disaster situation.

(iii) assess possible effects/ catalytic role/replication actions of seed production and supply program of the project that led to the current development, trends, and opportunities in Cambodia seed sector.

(iv) recommend steps, in Cambodia Country Context and in line with the Royal Government of Cambodia Strategies, for the sustainable development of Cambodia seed sector.

(v) prepare a summary of the preliminary findings and complete the draft report by the date specified in the contract.

(vi) present the findings and revise the draft to address comments from the stakeholders/team leader/project director.

(vii) perform any other relevant tasks related to the assessment as requested by the Team Leader/ Project Director.

E. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF CONSULTANT

8. The consultant should have at least 8 years experience in developing countries with a formal qualification at the Masters level in Agronomy, Seed Science, Agriculture Economics, or a related field. The consultant should have extensive experience in the design and implementation of agriculture and/or value chain projects, seed sector and/or agriculture market research in developing countries. Cambodia or regional experience is preferred.

F. DELIVERABLES

Details	Type	Estimated Submission Date
Draft Final report	Report	07-Dec-2015
Final Report	Final Report	11-Dec-2015

G. SCHEDULE AND PLACES OF ASSIGNMENT (chronological and inclusive of travel)

City and Country	Working Days	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Other Details (use if place selected is Others)
Phnom Penh, Cambodia	5	15-Nov-2015	21- Nov -2015	
Select Target Provinces, Other	10	22- Nov -2015	03-Dec-2015	
Phnom Penh, Cambodia	6	04-Dec-2015	11-Dec-2015	
Total	21			