

## Job advertisement

**Project title:** Climate Protection through Avoided Deforestation (CliPAD)

**Subject of the tender:** Support of agricultural enterprises along selected agricultural value chains

Client: GIZ

Country: Lao PDR

Position: Expert with national experience on capacity building for agricultural enterprises

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Project duration: **01.01.2025** to **31.03.2027**

Duration of position: 27 months

Application deadline: 30.09.24

### **Project description:**

The overall **module objective** of the BMZ commission states: “Emissions from land use change and forestry in northern Laos are reduced.” The module objective is directly linked to the following **outcomes**:

**Outcome 1:** Governance and the implementation of low-emission and climate-informed planning is strengthened, and sustainable financing sources are accessed.

**Outcome 2:** Vulnerabilities of villagers are reduced, and their livelihoods are improved by engaging in climate resilient, deforestation free value chains and access to markets

**Outcome 3:** Sustainable management, protection and rehabilitation of forest ecosystems is improved.

Based on the outcomes, the project focuses on the following **three core areas**:

- 1) Strengthening the enabling environment for REDD+ through three principal means: enhancing the availability of financing for a transformation in the way Lao PDR manages its forest landscapes; revising and strengthening the legal and regulatory framework for forestry; and improving the enforcement of the new regulatory framework.
- 2) Supporting deforestation-free agriculture and agroforestry by enhancing productivity, increasing farmers' integration into agricultural value chains, and improving access to finance and private sector participation in economic activities that reduce pressure on forests.
- 3) Supporting the implementation of sustainable forest landscape management and forest landscape restoration on degraded forest lands. As part of the forestry component, the project introduces participatory planning for land and forest use and establishes a system to measure and monitor progress.

The contractor is responsible for providing the following **work packages linked to the outcome 2**:

**Work package 1:** Evaluation of existing studies and interventions targeting Agri-MSMEs

**Work package 2:** Identification of potential Agri-MSMEs and assessment of their potential for cooperation based on business model and capacities

**Work package 3:** Assessment of capacity building needs of selected MSMEs and development of appropriate capacity building measures

**Work package 4:** Capacity Building for Agri-MSMEs

**Work package 5:** Sustainability of private sector interventions and policy dialogue

**Tasks:**

- Development of new or update of existing training materials on farm management, entrepreneurship and business model improvement with a focus on upstream and downstream enterprises and producer groups.
- Conduct trainings for Agri-MSMEs in the project provinces based on their needs and qualifications
- Conduct trainings with Agri-MSMEs and farmers/farmer groups in the context of contract farming or off-taker arrangements
- Further qualification of upstream and downstream enterprises as well as producer groups for the integration of technological innovations, optimisation of business models, relationships and services, investments and operations management

**Qualifications:**

Education/training	University degree ('master's or equivalent') in adult education, business administration, TVET or economics
Language	Knowledge of English C1-level (5 out of 10 points) and Lao C2-Level (5 out of 10 points) in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
General professional experience	7 years of professional experience in the sector of capacity building (training/coaching) for MSMEs in the agricultural sector
Specific professional experience	3 years of professional experience in advising enterprise and farmers on contract farming and off-taker arrangements within the agricultural sector
Professional experience in the country/region of assignment	7 years of professional experience in Lao PDR
Experience in the field of development cooperation	2 years of experience working in development cooperation projects