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Forest-Based Value Chains Advisor and Junior Forest-Based Value Chains Advisor

Our model for success is a better life for everyone and purposeful tasks for our employees. For more than 50 years, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), as a company of the German Federal Government, has been supporting the implementation of development policy goals worldwide. In Lao PDR, GIZ currently is implementing a large number of projects focusing on rural development, conservation of nature and natural resources as well as sustainable economic development. If you want to make a difference in the world and develop yourself in the process, you've come to the right place. The Protection and Sustainable Use of Forest Ecosystems and Biodiversity (ProFEB) Project, a part of the Lao-German Cooperation and commissioned by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and financially supported by EU co-financing donors, is currently seeking **four (4) qualified Laotian candidates** for the positions of **one (1) Forest-Based Value Chains Advisor in Vientiane Capital and three (3) Junior Forest-based Value Chains Advisor in Xayaburi, Luang Prabang and Khammouane province (one person for each province)** starting as soon as possible 01.07.2024 until 31.03.2027.

MAIN TASK AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Forest-Based Value Chains Advisor:

- Technical coordination of the activities implemented at provincial level (Huaphan, Oudomxay, Xayaburi, Luang Prabang, Khammouane, Vientiane Province, Vientiane Capital), which are amongst others:
 - Facilitation of deforestation-free forest-based value chain partnerships between private sector, government, and villages;
 - Support to producers and small and medium-sized enterprises in identifying, accessing, and promoting (new) markets for products while respecting an inclusive, and biodiversity-friendly trade;
 - Support the planning and implementation of capacity building measures;
 - Support quality control, monitoring, and evaluation of outputs.
- Advise partner institutions (e.g. Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, Civil Society Organizations, Lao Wood Processing Associations, Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, National University of Laos, and others), identify needs, develop concepts and strategies, and provide technical advice in value chains management and private sector development;
- Manage and facilitate the contact to government partners at capital level;
- Act as value chains and non-timber forest products focal point for government partners at capital level;
- Support the cooperation with the Faculty of Forestry of the National University of Laos in the field of the actualisation of curricula and training material;
- Coordination and implementation of trainings, multi-stakeholder workshops, and other events related to the project activities;
- Coordination with other development projects, EU, and CSOs on joint implementation.

Junior Forest-based Value Chains Advisor:

- Facilitation of deforestation-free forest-based value chain partnerships between private sector, government, and villages.
- Support to producers and small and medium-sized enterprises in identifying, accessing, and promoting (new) markets for products while respecting a sustainable, inclusive, and biodiversity-friendly trade.
- Value chain and non-timber forest products focal point for government partners, especially Project Management Units and the district implementation teams.
- Support the planning and implementation of capacity building measures.
- Support quality control, monitoring, and evaluation of outputs at province level.
- Coordinate with other ProFEB components, GIZ projects, EU, and other relevant projects on joint implementation at provincial level.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Oral and written proficiency in English and Lao;
- Working experience with an international organization is an advantage;
- Knowledge of government procedures and institutions, and having an existing network in the field of forestry field are advantage;
- Experiences with private sector development, government procedures and institutions, and having existing networks are assets;

- Prior experience in private sector and village engagement, and in the cooperation with local women's groups are an advantage;
- Good working knowledge of ITC technologies and computer applications (e.g., MS Office);
- Gender Competence.

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:

Forest-based Value Chains Advisor:

- B.Sc. or preferably M.Sc. degree, or equivalent, in forestry, environmental science or related field;
- At least 3 years professional experience in a comparable position;
- Very good working knowledge of the forestry and wood processing sectors.

Junior Forest-based Value Chains Advisor:

- B. Sc. Degree, or equivalent, in forestry, environmental science, or related field;
- At least 1 year professional experience in a comparable position;
- Good knowledge of the forestry and wood processing sectors, and value chain assessment and development;
- Experience with field work in harsh and difficult conditions.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT

- Attractive and competitive salary with long-term employment and career development.
- Additional allowances: Pi Mai bonus, performance-related bonus, communication allowance, lodging allowance, relocation allowance, travel allowance (for remote posting); Social benefits: health and accident insurance, NSSF, eyeglasses, annual dental and medical check-up.
- 20 days of annual leave entitlement plus Lao public holiday including compensation days (15 days).

HOW TO APPLY

Interested qualified candidates are invited to download the [GIZ Application Form](#) and send the completed form including the cover letter and CV together with relevant certificates and references by email to job-gizlaos@giz.de, HR Division of GIZ Office Vientiane, by stating **the exact job title in the subject by 16:30 pm on 27th May 2024**.

Please read [Our Data Privacy Notice](#), which provides further information on the data we store, and about your rights, before you continue with your application.

Gender equality is one of the key values of GIZ and of the work we do.

Applications from women, persons from diverse culture background, and with disabilities are most welcome.



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