

Terms of Reference (TOR)

Nutrition Officer

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 Officer will be required to support activities and assist the Nutrition Specialist of the project. S/he will provide assistance with the implementation of project activities, including, but not limited to:

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

1. Assist to the Nutrition Specialist to 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. 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.
3. Assist to the Nutrition Expert to prepare a specialized training programme on nutrition for application within the Farmer Field School.
4. Assist to the Nutrition Expert for preparation of Nutrition Intervention Packages for the project area 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.
5. 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.
6. Organize and conduct nutrition sensitive training programmes for beneficiaries in the assigned districts
7. In consultation with District technical staff, Agriculture Instructors and Agriculture Research and Production Assistants (ARPAs) to prepare extension materials (IEC) in selected subject areas
8. Prepare workplans, periodic progress reports as and when required
9. Any other duties assigned by the project director/nutrition specialist

Education Qualifications

- She / He should have completed a minimum of bachelor's 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.
- At least three years field experience, with proven skills appropriate technical skills and experience in the field: nutrition, public health, nutrition planning and management, or maternal, infant and child health/nutrition care.
- He/ she should also have a proven background in training and skills transfer preferably within conducting 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
- He/ she must be keen to work in a multi sectoral team and be committed to the project's poverty alleviation Goals and its demand driven approaches

Duty station and duration

Area Hub Offices – Medawachchiya / Nikaweratiya

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