

Team Leader - Livestock Policy, Strategy and Veterinary Services Reform Specialist

Country of assignment and location

Afghanistan, Kabul

Project / Field of activity

GTZ IS currently recruiting experts for the EU financed tender: Provision of Technical Assistance to the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture. Irrigation and Livestock to contribute to enhance the functionality of Afghanistan's Animal Health and Welfare Services".

The project will build on the achievement of the ongoing animal health development project (AHDP) and should particularly focus on the following fields: further definition of animal health and welfare policy, roles and responsibilities through OIE-compliant primary and supplementary legislation; improvement of standards in all areas of animal health service activity; progress towards full integration of para-professionals with the veterinary faculty, with a curriculum based around day-one competencies; establishment of structures to support private animal health service providers already demonstrating improvements in the quality and financial sustainability of their services.

The overall objective of the project is to the improvement of rural livelihoods (food security and farm incomes) and thus to the overall economic recovery of Afghanistan.

Following results to be achieved:

1. Core public functions, based on agreed policies, strategies and revised legal framework are being performed by the General Directorate of Animal Health
2. Standards in all areas of Animal Health Services improved through better coordination and quality control in 12 target provinces
3. Veterinary Faculty is progressing towards full integration of para-professionals with a new curriculum introduced based around day-one competencies, and supported by continuing education modules;
4. Economically viable production of selected livestock vaccines according to international quality and standards.

Responsibilities

- Leading a team of experts
- Project management (design and implementation)

Qualifications

- University degree in Veterinary Medicine from a recognized university / institute, or equivalent. A specialization in the field of Tropical Veterinary Medicine or Veterinary Epidemiology would be an advantage;
- 15 years of experience in the design, implementation and management of Livestock Development Projects, or Rural Development Projects with a strong Animal Health component, but a minimum of 10 years is required;

Specific professional experience

- Experience of leading a team of experts – has been leading a team of experts at least during two years on a project;
- Proven experience in sectoral reform, restructuring, change of management, policy and strategy planning processes and the set-up of state veterinary services and institutions in developing countries (within the frame of one project at least);
- Very good experience in relation to the privatization of veterinary services and the development and management of sanitary mandate contracts, private institutions' strengthening and rural advisory (within the frame of one project at least);
- Good knowledge of EC implementation rules/constraints and particularly tendering and contracting procedures (has worked on at least one long-term EC funded project);
- Ability to work effectively in the field and experience in Afghanistan, the Region or in similar contexts highly preferred (at least for one project);
- Fluency in English is compulsory; knowledge in Dari would be a serious advantage.

Duration

The intended **commencement date is 15 July 2010** and the period of implementation of the **contract will be 48 months** from this date.

Benefits offered

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Application deadline

until June 14st, 2010