

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

Assignment Title: Project Support Officer (1 position)

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) is implementing the project “Improving farmer livelihoods by developing market-oriented small ruminant production systems in Myanmar” with the financial assistance of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). The project involves collaboration between the University of Melbourne and CSIRO (Australia), and LBVD, University of Veterinary Science and Yezin Agricultural University (Myanmar).

The project will undertake applied field research, involving participation by smallholder farmers and other livestock sector stakeholders, to improve ruminant livestock productivity and profitability, and thereby farmer livelihoods. Research areas include on-farm research into animal health, nutrition and management, plus industry-wide value chain studies, and socioeconomic research with farming households and value chain actors. The project will have impact by delivering research to farmers and other livestock sector stakeholders through community workshops and training, extension material, and scaling out to other livestock sector stakeholders such as Township Veterinary Officers and non-government organisations.

LBVD now invites expression of interest (EOI) for the position of **Project Support Officer (PSO)**.

PSO will be responsible for providing day-to-day high level operational support to the project, including:

- overseeing project activity milestones & deliverables, and coordinating activities across different institutions, including data collection and management;
- along with other senior project staff, providing scientific mentoring to junior project staff;
- adapting (with wider project team) research outputs into locally relevant extension and training material, decision support tools, etc;
- directing, supervising, and supporting farmer extension/engagement e.g. helping develop and deliver farmer training and other stakeholder workshops;
- coordinating distribution of project outputs along project scale-out pathways;
- communication with and training for other stakeholders;
- helping coordinate project activities across collaborating institutions;
- helping supervise project monitoring and evaluation;
- contributing to project reporting and scientific writing and
- helping represent project to other sector stakeholders e.g. Myanmar Livestock Federation, traders.

Applicants should have a degree in veterinary or agricultural science, or a related field, and extensive experience working closely with smallholder farmers or livestock sector stakeholders to improve farm productivity and farmer livelihoods. Direct experience of Central Dry Zone goat, sheep and/or cattle production is highly desirable.

Expression of Interest from qualified and experienced person should indicate the interest in providing above-mentioned tasks. EOI should be accompanied with personal information including qualifications and experiences (CV with academic background, experiences in similar assignment, knowledge of local conditions, if any, etc.) to be able to perform the tasks. Applicants will be invited for personal interview if necessary.

The assignment period will be for six months with provisional period of three months. Extension will be considered upon the PSO's performances and project needs.

Further information can be available at (+95) 067 - 408262 during office hours (from 09:30 to 16:00) except public holidays.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail), **no later than June 17, 2020**.

Attention

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