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**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Technical Assistant Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture

Project:	Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project (CASDP)
Duty station:	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Project Coordination Office (PCO) Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Section/Unit:	PCO (located at MAFF)
Contract/Level:	National Consultant
Supervisor:	Department of Ago-Industry, Project Manager and Project Director
Mode of Contract:	The contract, which is period three months and outputs base.

1. General Background

The Royal Government of Cambodia has dedicated an investment of US\$101.67 million, including a US\$91.67 million IDA credit, for the Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project (CASDP), which has been implemented for a duration of 6 years starting in January 2019. CASDP is designed to enhance market opportunities through an inclusive, beneficiary-led, market-driven approach, leading to enhanced competitiveness and increased capacity to manage climate risks. The project consists of four main components, plus a fifth zero-allocation component for the case of an eligible crisis or emergency. The first two components are closely linked and represent the largest part of the investments and are modular and scalable and adaptable to geographical areas and commodity/value chains. The third component focuses on institutional strengthening and seeks to enhance the impact of the investments made under the first two components in the medium and long term, ensuring sustainability and possible expansion of benefits across the country.

CASDP is geared towards the compilation of value chain support, including extensive technical assistance (TA), productive infrastructure, and financial support services. In particular, Component 1 emphasizes the linkages between direct support to farmers, producer organizations (POs), and small and medium agribusinesses (SMAs). Component 2 complements component 1 by concentrating on public investments in roads and irrigation infrastructure. All public infrastructure investments of Component 2 will be prioritized and implemented according to selected diversification plans (DPIs) to be prepared under Component 1, applying new civil works codes that reduce vulnerability to climate risks.

2. Overall Project Management.

As an executing agency (EA), the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) is responsible for overall project management/coordination and for the implementation of all four components. MAFF works in close cooperation with technical units of the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MoWRAM) as implementing partners that will take responsibility for the construction/rehabilitation of rural infrastructure. A MAFF-led Project Coordination Office and implementation unit has been established, which has been supported by the Secretariat of the Technical Working Group on Agriculture and

Water (TWGAW). The project will operate in 12 targeted of potential provinces and in Phnom Penh. The provinces have been chosen for their suitable agroecological conditions for high-value products, with Phnom Penh as the location of many potentially participating SMAs. Provincial locations are Kampong Chhnang, Battambang, Siem Reap, Preah Vihear, Stung Treng, Ratanakiri, Mondulhiri, Kratie, Tboung Khmum, Kampong Cham, Kandal, and Kampong Speu.

3. Objective of the Assignment

A nutritionist is an expert in the field of food and nutrition, food science and technology. It is sometimes referred to the food processing and products development for nutritional basis and/or public health which concentrates on nutrition.

4. Terms of Reference and Scope of Work

Applicants with experience in multiple technical areas as well as specialists in a very specific area are required to address the range of requests dealt with through the MAFF programme of work on food systems and nutrition. The planned activities require advanced skills and professional competencies in the following technical areas:

- (a) Support and assist the international technical assistant in formulating and developing the nutrition sensitive business plan guidelines, relevant frameworks and assessment guidelines and principles, etc.
- (b) The consultant will consult with MOH and NCDDS and linking to implementation of the Cambodia Nutrition Project at subnational level
- (c) Review food systems literature of food systems and nutrition for evidence-informed policy development; regularly update information regarding Cambodia's FSN situation on behalf of MAFF
- (d) Regularly Reviewing and updating the criteria for nutrition-sensitive business plans
- (e) Supporting the implementing agencies/review committee in the assessment of nutrition-sensitive business plans
- (f) Supporting producer organizations and there technical assistance providers in the development of nutrition-sensitive business plans
- (g) Capacity building for CASDP implementing agency staff on nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- (h) Supporting the CASDP's FSN focal point on nutrition-relevant monitoring and evaluation, including regular update of the nutrition-sensitive project indicators
- (i) Working with the financial institutions to monitor the delivery of credit lines to nutrition-sensitive business plans
- (j) Supporting MAFF staff to participate in TWG-FSN, food security forum, etc.
- (k) Supporting CASDP project team in development and monitoring of relevant FSN activities for the AWPB
- (l) Convene relevant technical assistance providers and producers to support the development of nutrition-sensitive business plans
- (m) Design and conducts of food security and nutrition-sensitive agriculture relevant research, data collection and analysis, and preparation of technical reports/publications;
- (n) Support food system analysis through the development of specific research methodologies and work plans;
- (o) Design and conduct of food security and nutrition-sensitive agriculture relevant the research on the products development for agro-processing.

- (p) Prepare and implements training courses and workshops on food systems and nutrition, and providing specific technical advice;
- (q) Design capacity development interventions, including project formulation, project management, reporting and monitoring frameworks in line with MAFF requirements;
- (r) Contribute to the preparation of missions, including setting-up coordination meetings, preparing the mission agenda and relevant background materials.
- (s) Support the methodology development for first hand data collection (such as information checklist/questionnaire) and provide the guidance for the data collection;
- (t) Prepare country specific and regional reports and nutrition-sensitive policy recommendations;
- (u) Carry out the country case studies from different sub-regions and reflecting malnutrition country clusters.
- (v) Assist the international technical assistant for the designed tasks and responsibilities to archive the goals and targets of the indicators setting by the project in AWPB.

5. Reporting

The consultant will report directly to the Department of Ago-Industry, Project Manager and Project Director and will work closely with PCO's team, Technical Service Provider and other consultants at PCO. The Consultant shall bring his or her own laptop to carry out the assignment.

6. Qualifications required

The National Technical Assistant on Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture shall have the following qualifications:

- (a) MSD or PhD degree of agriculture, agricultural economic development and/or food science and technology, international health and human nutrition with focus on food systems, public policy with focus on FSN, etc. MSD in Nutrition, Master of Public Health which concentration on nutrition or nutrition-sensitive agriculture be an essential qualification.
- (b) Strong understanding of Cambodia's public health nutrition situation and food security and agriculture as an underlying determinant.
- (c) Specialist at least 5-10 years of research fields such as food processing, nutritional research and policy development, food security and nutrition related project design and implementation;
- (d) Fluency in spoken and written English
- (e) Computer literacy and technology is highly qualified.