Vacancy Announcement

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High Value Agriculture Project in Hill and Mountain Areas (HVAP) is an undertaking of Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD) with the financial support of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). This is a six and half-year project and is being implemented since February, 2011 in six districts of Mid Western Development Region (Jumla, Kalikot, Dailekh, Surkhet, Salyan and Jajarkot) and one district of Far Western Development Region (Achham). MoAD is the Executing Agency with overall project implementation responsibilities. Netherlands Development Organization (SNV) Nepal and Agro-Enterprise Centre (AEC/FNCCI) are the implementing partners. HVAP is a market-led agriculture development project that supports to the producers and market operators through different facilities to address critical constraints within the selected value chains.

HVAP now invites the applications from potential candidates for the following positions.

Position: Service Market Strengthening Expert (Required No: 1)

- Duration: Till Sept, 2017
- > **Duty station:** PMU Surkhet with frequent visits to project districts
- > Roles and Purpose of the Assignment:

To support implementation of the project's Component 2: Service Market Strengthening. The expert's ultimate role is to substantially increase the purchase of business support services (including credit) by value chain actors in project areas.

> Academic Qualifications and Work Experiences

Masters degree in Agriculture with specialization in economics, agricultural economics, agricultural finance, agricultural marketing/business or MBA with specialization in finance/marketing (in agriculture finance would be preferred) or related fields with at least 7 years experience (5 years for women candidate) **Or** Higher degree in related fields with 5 years of experience (3 years for women)

Position: Project Engineer (Required No: 1)

- Duration: Till Sept, 2017
- > Duty station: PMU Surkhet with frequent visits to project districts
- > Roles and Purpose of the Assignment:

The Project Engineer will be mainly responsible to facilitate implementation of the project's fund and facilities by supporting particularly on the physical infrastructural activities. S/he will be responsible for providing technical supports and backstopping to the participating beneficiaries in providing services on design, estimate, quality check-up, monitoring, supervision, and related services.

> Academic Qualifications and Work Experiences

Bachelor degree in Civil or Agricultural Engineering with at least 5 years experience (3 years for women candidate) in the related field or Masters degree in Civil or Agricultural Engineering with at least 3 years of experience (1 year for women candidate) in related field or higher degree in related field.

For each position there will be initial contract for one year with a probation period of six months. The annual contract will be extendable up to the project period based on satisfactory performance in the preceding contract.

Salary and benefits will be as per the rules and regulation of HVAP. Preferences will be given to women candidates and candidates from disadvantaged groups/areas (Dalit, Janjati/Indigenous, Madheshi, Muslim, Backward/HVAP Districts). ToR (including salary and benefits) can be downloaded from HVAP project website (www.hvap.gov.np) or www.rollingplans.com.np/hvap. The applicant needs to submit cover letter, C.V. and self attested copies of required testimonials compulsorily. The application should be submitted within 15 days from the date of first publication of this Notice to the following address. Only the short-listed candidates will be called for written exam.

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