

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development



Prime Minister Agriculture Modernization Project (PMAMP)
(Project Implementation Unit, Kailali)

Terms of Reference

For

Individual Consultant
(Agronomy Expert)

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1. Background

Prime Minister Agriculture Modernization Project (PMAMP) is one of the key projects implemented by the Government of Nepal (GoN), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD) since fiscal year 2073/74. This project aims at self-reliant economy through modernization, specialization and industrialization of agriculture sector. This project became effective from fiscal year 2073/74 and will continue for ten years. This project is being implemented in 21 specialized agriculture production and industrial centers (Super zones) of seven provinces, 206 Commercial agriculture production and processing centers (Zones) in different districts of the country. Commercial agriculture production centers (Block) and agriculture production centers (Pockets) components of the projects are being implemented all over the country. This project focuses on 24 value chains of different agriculture commodities under its 4 components. The project aims at implementing 21 super zones, 300 zones, 1500 blocks and 10000 pockets by the end of project.

Broadly the project has four objectives i.e., development of specialized regions for major agriculture commodities, enhance the competitiveness of exportable agriculture commodities through value addition, create employment opportunities through transformation of agri-business into respectable profitable business, and ensure effective service delivery through functional coordination among stakeholders of agriculture value chain. Currently project is implementing its activities in 77 districts through 48 Project Implementation Unit (PIU) which are coordinated in all seven provinces by respective Province Coordination Unit (PCU)¹ of the project.

2. Rationale of the Assignment

PCU is the additional responsibility of PIU to coordinate among all PIUs of the respective province and work as the focal unit of project at provincial level. In each province, pocket, block, zone and super zone of different commodities are already established and under implementation. Mainly during the implementation of zone and super zone program of specific commodity, immediate need of technical backstopping to PIUs staff and also to the grant recipient from the PCU in province level was felt. To manage this technical gap, current fiscal year program has allocated budget in PCU to establish knowledge centre with hiring of expert. Thus, this assignment is designed to hire the consultancy service of agronomy expert to support in cereal and oil seed crops production.

¹ Province Coordination Unit (PCU) is the additional responsibly assigned to a particular PIU for coordination among all PIUs of a province.


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3. Objective of the Assignment

The objective of the assignment is to provide agronomical technical advisory support to PIU staff and also to Project grant recipient for the smooth operation of commodity related agri business.

The specific objectives of the assignment are:

- support and suggest PIUs for smooth operation of commodity specific programs,
- suggest PIUs about commodity specific appropriate technology and package of practices,
- assist the Project in new technology dissemination and adoption in farmers level,
- aware project stakeholders regarding major commodity specific problems and their control measures,
- support to design and conduct capacity development activities to project staff and other stakeholders.

4. Scope of the Work

The primary function will be to provide technical support to all PIUs in agronomical and oilseed subject matter related issues. The scope will also cover identification of appropriate technology, introduction of innovative technology of zone, superzone specific commodities, capacity building of stakeholders, monitoring and reporting of the activities to PCU.

Major activities to be accomplished by Agronomy Expert are as below:

- ✓ Work as a technical advisor to PCU on agronomical and oilseed crop related issues.
- ✓ Work as agronomy subject matter specialist of project in respective PCU.
- ✓ Facilitate PMAMP supported farmers groups, cooperative and agri-entrepreneur in production and post harvest business related to agronomical and oilseed crops.
- ✓ Suggest commodity specific suitable package of practice and innovative technology to the PIUs and farmers.
- ✓ Support PIU in the implementation of mechanization program of agronomical crops.
- ✓ Assist PIUs and PMAMP supported farmer in agronomy related technical matter and issues.
- ✓ Assist in PIU level capacity development programs of agronomical and oilseed crops organized by PIU, PCU and PMU.
- ✓ Assist for preparation of production and marketing plans and proper management of production input for farmer groups and cooperatives for agronomical crops.
- ✓ Monitoring of PIU implemented commodity specific program and reporting to PIU and PCU.
- ✓ Work in coordination with the PCU and PIUs and other district level stakeholder of project.
- ✓ Assist PIU in annual program implementation and monitoring.
- ✓ Support farmers in book keeping, documentation and reporting.
- ✓ Support PIUs on the implementation of *Chaklabandi kheti* program
- ✓ Assist PCU to document the key issues and lessons learned on zone specific agronomical commodities.
- ✓ Undertake any other duties assigned by PCU and PMU.


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5. Expected outputs

- ✓ Establishment of knowledge centre in each PCU with various experts,
- ✓ Smooth functioning of PMAMP supported program and agribusiness,
- ✓ Introduction of commodities specific innovative technology in PIUs,
- ✓ Solution of subject matter related issues of agronomical and oilseed crops,
- ✓ Progress reports and assignment completion report.

6. Required Qualification and Experience

- ✓ Candidate should have at least bachelor degree in agriculture/agronomy or related field.
- ✓ Candidates with at least 3 years of professional experience preferably in the programs related to agribusiness development, value chain development, agriculture commercialization or agronomy and oil seed crop research and extension.
- ✓ Preference will be given to specific experience on mechanization in cereal crops.
- ✓ Have working knowledge of PC-based word processing and e-mail technology, database applications, presentation software and use of internet;
- ✓ Have excellent communication and inter-personal skills.

7. Report Deliverables

- ✓ The consultant will report to the PCU chief through Agriculture/Planning officer.
- ✓ The consultant will deliver a report that contains:
 - Report covering crop specific major issues, suggestions for overcoming the problems, introduced technology and major intervention.
 - Progress reports on monthly, quarterly basis.
 - A brief completion report that outlines the work undertaken for this assignment

8. Duty Station

PIU Kailali (with frequent travel to other PIUs in Far western province as per requirement)

9. Period of assignment

This assignment will be applicable for the current Fiscal Year 2081/082.

10. Required position

Agronomy Expert will be recruited individually. Total no of required position is 1.

11. Procurement Method

As per public procurement regulation, 2064.

12. Salary and benefits

The monthly salary for the post of Agronomy Expert will be as per Nepal Government's starting salary scale for gazetted class III officer. Travel allowance and other expenses will be provided on the basis of field visits requirement and approved budget.


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