



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Farmers's Group Facilitators- 4 positions (OSRO/INS/301/USA)

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Indonesia (FAOR) and technical supervision of the FAO National Project Manager and direct supervision of the FAO National Field Co-ordinator/Agronomist for NTB, close collaboration with district and sub-district officers of BP3K and BPK and other project counterparts, the Consultants will take responsibility for facilitating farmers' groups in the adaptive research and participatory extension of new and improved conservation agriculture technologies and practices. In this context, the Consultant will be responsible for the following tasks under this assignment:

- Under the guidance of the FAO national Field Co-ordinator/Agronomist for NTB, assist farmers' groups to up-grade and maintain their demonstration plots aimed at testing, validating and demonstrating different conservation agriculture technologies and practices introduced by the Project – through weekly visits (when members hold their meetings/field days) or more frequently if required.
- Facilitate visits from subject matter specialists/master trainers from BPTP, *Dinas Pertanian* and BAKORLUH/NTB and FAO to enhance the development of the demonstration plots and/or to resolve any problems with the establishment of maize and leguminous cover crops and maintenance of mulches derived from crop residues.
- Assist members of farmers' groups to monitor and evaluate the performance of the different conservation agriculture technologies and practices and to record their findings in "farmers' group diaries".
- In collaboration with BP3K extension co-ordinators and BPK village extension workers, guide farmers in the replication and adoption of new and improved conservation agriculture technologies and practices validated on the demonstration plots.
- Assist farmers' group leaders to distribute group and farmer-based conservation agriculture packages provided by the Project and guide farmers in their use/application.
- Facilitate case studies and project evaluations undertaken by PMU and the University of Mataram.
- Perform other related duties as required by the FAOR in Indonesia and FAO national Project Manager.

Expected output

- Up-to-date farmers' group diaries (weekly)
- Data on the CA implementation progress at group plots and individual farmer members (end of month)
- Demonstration plots and farmers' replication and adoption progress statements (end of month)

Academic Qualification

- At least a university degree in natural sciences, agronomy or agriculture, possess strong communication, team building, computing (i.e. word processing and spread-sheets) and report writing skills, and be fluent in spoken and written Bahasa Indonesia

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements:

- A minimum of one year of relevant experience working with groups of rain-fed farmers in NTB Province with the aim of building their resilience and improving their food security.

Duty station: Jerowaru, Lembar, Pringgabaya and Pujut Sub-districts of NTB Province

Duration: 3 months initial contract with possibility of extension depends on performance and availability of funds.

GENERAL NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

Interested candidates should submit a CV and a covering letter clearly stating their relevant skills, experience, vacancy and reference code by e-mail to:

E-mail: FAO-ID@fao.org

Submission DEADLINE: 10th June 2015

FAO regrets to inform applicants that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.