



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### **National Consultant- Seaweed Farming, Processing and Aquaculture, Rural Development Expert (TCP/INS/3502)**

This technical cooperation project (TCP) is an initial input of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to the larger project on “*Decent Work for Food Security and Sustainable Rural Development (DW4FS&SRD)*”, an initiative of the Kementerian Desa, Daerah Tertinggal dan Transmigrasi (Kemendes PDTT) or the Indonesian Ministry of Village, Disadvantaged Areas and Transmigration (MOV) supported by FAO and the International Labor Organization (ILO). DW4FS&SRD promotes value chain development of three commodities, namely, maize, livestock and seaweed to accelerate the overall development of the Province of Nusa Tenggara Timur or East Nusa Tenggara (NTT). This TCP proposal supports the objectives of the DW4FS&SRD project, but will focus on one commodity only, i.e. seaweed, due to the limited financial resources available through the proposed funding mechanism, the overall importance of seaweed farming at the national level, the availability of available localities to expand production and the concentration of rural poor along coastal communities. It is also in line with the strategy of the Government of Indonesia to be self-sufficient in carrageenan products and extracting as much as possible the value from the country’s production of *carrageenophytes*. This strategy provides a significant opportunity for improving the livelihood of the less privileged (poor) and often landless coastal dwellers through seaweed farming, diversifying the livelihoods of small farmers and fishers, and creation of more jobs along the seaweed value chain.

#### **Expected Outputs:**

##### **Mission 1 (six months).**

Under the operational supervision of the FAO Representative in Indonesia, the technical coordination of the Senior Agro-industries and Post-harvest Officer at FAO-RAP with concerned units in Fisheries and Social Protection at FAO-Headquarters, direct supervision of Assistant FAO Representative (programme), and in collaboration with the National Project Coordinator (NPC) and the project team, the FAO Consultant will undertake the following:

- Coordinate the development of a work plan in collaboration with the Government in the operationalization of the project programme, and the respective resource mobilization needs for the DW4FS&SRD mother programme.  
Assist in the organization of an inception workshop for the planning of the next steps in the resource mobilization for the DW4FS&SRD mother programme.
- Prepare the list of equipment requirements complete with detailed specifications and at least three suppliers.
- Develop or introduce and adapt better management practices for seaweed production, harvesting, handling and marketing.
- Take the lead role in organizing and training seaweed farmer clusters.
- Advise the government on strategies and interventions to promote job creation and decent work along the seaweed value chain.
- Prepare and submit a mission report within two weeks of completing the mission
- Required completion date by April 2016

### Academic Qualification

- MSc in aquaculture or related field; Extensive experience in rural employment and the organization of farmers associations is very desirable

### Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements:

- 15 years experience in seaweed industry management and development, processing, product development and marketing.
- Ability to manage multi-disciplinary team consisting of a number of different stakeholders
- Excellent report writing ability, proven communication and leadership skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Capacity to work independently and take responsibility for technical quality and timely delivery of project outputs
- Results oriented
- Ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines
- Full proficiency and ability to draft swiftly in English (oral and written)

Duty station: Jakarta

Duration: 6 months initial contract with possibility of further extension subjects to satisfactory performance and availability of funding.

#### **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](mailto:FAO-ID@fao.org)**

**Submission DEADLINE: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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