



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**

Terms of Reference for Consultant

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| Job Title: | Rural Finance and Investment Consultant | | |
| Division/Department: | Social Policies and Rural Institutions - ESP | | |
| Programme/Project Number: | | | |
| Location: | Rome, Italy | | |
| Expected Start Date of Assignment: | - | Duration: | 11 months |
| Reports to: | <i>Name:</i> Vito Cistulli | <i>Title:</i> | Senior Agricultural Policy Support Officer |

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

The Rural Institutions, Services and Empowerment (RISE) group at ESP is responsible for, among other technical areas, providing technical support for FAO's normative and country program work related to the promotion of rural financial and investment markets that are conducive to sustainable food security. ESP is recruiting a consultant specialized in rural finance and investment to support the implementation of its related global work program, which includes

- Providing technical assistance and advice to projects that include a rural finance and investment component, in support to the Division;
- Providing technical assistance to FAO member countries on ways to address strategy and policy issues for finance and investment which support increased flows of financing for the agricultural sector, especially to small and medium agro-enterprises and rural households and infrastructure;
- Appraising financing and investment requirements for agribusiness and agro-industries, in order to recommend appropriate financing strategies for reducing risk and improving effectiveness
- Supporting the design and development of technical papers on various rural finance-related subjects;
- Developing and delivering trainings and other capacity building activities on rural finance-related subjects;
- Developing and maintaining working contacts with counterparts in other organizations, associations, private sector firms and development agencies specialized in finance and agribusiness;
- Providing technical and analytical support to other work in the RISE group, as needed

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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| Expected Outputs: | Required Completion Date: |
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| Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated experience in appraising capacity building needs in rural, agricultural and agribusiness finance, as well as assisting countries in developing training programmes and in organizing and conducting training activities• Relevant experience in analysing and designing strategies and services for fostering finance and investment in agriculture, agro-industries, agro-enterprises, agricultural value chains, and rural infrastructure• Demonstrated capacity to analyse and communicate effectively on critical issues of finance, insurance, banking and investment affecting governments, agribusinesses/agro-enterprises and rural infrastructural development in developing countries;• Excellent communication, facilitation and presentation skills, including ability to write concise technical reports;• Excellent research skills, including high quality of analytical and writing skills | |