

SCOPE OF WORK

Name:	TBD					
Project/Activity Name:	USAID/Sweden Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity II (FARMA II)			Activity #	4729	
Position:	Agriculture and Phytosanitary Expert					
Position Type:	Full Time	X	Part Time		STTA	
Consultant Nationality:			TCN		CCN	X
Engaged By:	Cardno Emerging Markets USA, Ltd.					
Position Reports to:	Policy Component Lead / Chief of Party					
Assignment Date (on/about):	Start Date: February 2018			End Date: February 2019		
LOE:	Total LOE: TBC		Onsite:	Offsite:	Travel:	

USAID/Sweden FARMA II Description of Project

USAID and the Government of Sweden have awarded Cardno a five-year US\$16.2 million contract for implementation of the Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity II (FARMA II) project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The purpose of FARMA II is to create agricultural and agribusiness economic opportunities for BiH farmers and entrepreneurs. FARMA II will achieve this by assisting agricultural producer organizations to adopt European Union (EU) and international agricultural and food standards and new production techniques, produce new high value products and expand market access. The FARMA II team will also support the BiH government to implement laws and regulations that meet EU and international requirements and develop implementation capacities.

Background

As it was noted in past EC Progress Reports, BiH should harmonize its official control system and upgrade its food establishments to be able to exports products of animal origin to the EU. As a potential candidate country for EU accession, BiH should gradually align its regulations with the EU acquis and ensure their effective implementation. This objective should also be reflected in the plans, programs and strategies adopted at state and entity level.

Amongst other activities, FARMA II has been working with the Entity Ministries of Agriculture to prepare for future implementation of relevant EU policies, including food safety, veterinary and phyto-sanitary regulations. Gradual alignment in this field is defined by the EU negotiation Chapter 12 (Food Safety, Veterinary and Phyto-sanitary Policy), and reflects the EU's integrated approach to food safety aiming to assure a high level of food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health within the EU, through coherent farm-to-table measures and adequate monitoring, while ensuring the effective functioning of the internal market. The principal pre-requisites for a candidate country in this domain are the transposition of the EU legislation, and its implementation by a properly structured and trained administration.

Purpose of this position

The main purpose of this position is to provide technical coordination and management of all main activities in support of agriculture and phytosanitary policy and sector capacity building initiatives in these areas. This is anticipated to include building the knowledge and awareness of the private sector and relevant control bodies in the use and application of plant health and plant protection products and food of non-animal origin; training and support programs focused upon plant health related issues including control pf plant viruses and phytoplasmas, propagation of new varieties, monitoring practices for harmful organisms, marketing and use of mineral fertilizers; support for the development of relevant regulations related to trade in

plants and plant materials; support for new accredited methods to test for pesticide residues and other identified priority areas.

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Specific tasks of the Agriculture and Phytosanitary Expert will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Coordinate and support the FARMA II Policy Component Manager in the establishment, coordination and facilitation of targeted technical working groups at state and entity level, required to develop key policy documents related to agriculture and phytosanitary issues, in partnership with relevant state, entity and cantonal authorities and private sector stakeholders, as required;
- Coordinate and support the FARMA II Policy Component Manager in the preparation of annual work plans and M&E plan indicators / targets in collaboration with all relevant technical team members and experts;
- Coordinate and manage technical assistance activities to support the strengthening of official plant health protection services including training, preparation and implementation of monitoring programs for plant propagation materials, residues of pesticides, quarantine harmful organisms, marketing and use of mineral fertilizers, certification and other relevant plant health issues;
- Coordinate and support technical assistance activities related to development and implementation of various monitoring programs, including collaboration with relevant certification bodies and laboratories, leading towards accreditation in phytosanitary field;
- Coordinate and support technical assistance activities related to development of various guidelines and legal proposals;
- Coordinate and manage technical assistance in area related to sustainable use of pesticides and environmentally friendly agricultural production methods, including organic agriculture, integrated production (IP) and integrated pest management (IPM);
- Manage, coordinate and act as a lead point of contact, within FARMA II activities related to partnership and collaboration with other relevant donors including the European Union, Czech Development Agency (CzDA), GIZ and other donors active in the agriculture and phytosanitary area;
- Facilitate and support the further development of the FARMA II Crop Coordination team and all relevant FARMA II cross cutting activities where these are related to agriculture and phytosanitary policy issues
- Support and facilitate activities that promote public-private dialogue and advocacy support and development activities in agriculture and phytosanitary areas;
- Prepare all relevant contributions to FARMA II monthly, quarterly and annual reporting to USAID and the Government of Sweden, as these relate to agriculture, environment and phytosanitary issues and activities;
- Provide support for coordination and facilitation of FARMA II Coordination and Advisory Bodies to support project implementation activities, as required;
- Undertake any additional tasks that are required for the position or any tasks that are given to the incumbent by the Policy Component Manager and/or Chief of Party.

Initial contract is 12 months, subject to further extension based on overall project needs and demands.

Reporting

The Agriculture and Phytosanitary Expert will report to the Policy Component Manager and/or Chief of Party.

Position profile

Qualifications and skills:

- University degree in agriculture – crop production, or closely related subject;
- Ideally, post-graduate degree in agricultural economics or agriculture;
- Excellent analytical, communication, presentation and facilitation skills;
- Excellent written and oral in both BHS and English language;
- Excellent computer skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office applications;
- Proven ability to work in a team and under pressure;
- Willingness to travel BiH-wide as needed.

Professional experience:

- At least 3 years relevant professional experience;
- Experience in the organic production, GlobalGap, and other certification schemes would be an advantage;
- Relevant experience in agriculture and food sector development, and regulatory policy analysis and implementation at local/entity/state level;
- Proven experience and knowledge of the agri-food and rural sector in BiH;
- Good knowledge of EU or international agricultural standards and other related topics would be a distinct advantage;
- Previous proven experience in partnering, facilitation and interaction with governmental institutions at state/entity/local levels, as well as with donor organizations;
- Experience in facilitating meetings and drive discussions with senior officials, business users, and other diverse sector stakeholders and groups.

We encourage qualifying candidates to send a Cover Letter including three References and CV.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **February 7, 2018**.

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All information received will be treated with confidentiality.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.