

TERMS OF REFERENCE –ASSISTANT ECONOMIST

I. Background

The Philippine Rural Development Project's Economics Unit is responsible for providing technical assistance and services for the appraisal and evaluation of subprojects in relation to financial and economic analysis. The Unit is also responsible for developing economic models and analytical tools to aid policy decisions as needed by the project. It is also the responsibility of the Unit to collaborate with the M&E Unit in developing evaluation frameworks and the subsequent conduct of subproject and project-wide level of analysis and evaluation.

II. Objective and Scope of the Services to be Provided:

The Assistant Economist will be reporting directly to the Economist, with the guidance and directive of the Economist. It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Economist to provide necessary technical assistance and services for the conduct of appraisal and evaluation of subprojects under the Philippine Rural Development Project.

III. Duties and Responsibilities



The Assistant Economist is expected to carry out activities that will result to the following output:

1. Timely and efficient review of Financial and Economic Analysis of various feasibility studies/business plan proposals submitted under PRDP
2. Development of economic models and analytical methods and tools, including spreadsheet analysis developed;
3. Conduct of primary research, data collection and analysis and literature reviews;
4. Establishment and preparation of databases and data sets prepared with corresponding analysis;
5. Provision of technical assistance to Project Clusters and Regional Project Coordination Offices during the conduct of technical validation in the field and other related activities if necessary;
6. Conduct of outcome and impact surveys and studies as required by the project in collaboration with M&E Unit
7. Performance of other duties and responsibilities that may be assigned by the Director and Deputy Project Director.

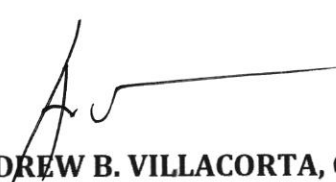
Qualification Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness Management or a closely related field with training in Project/project evaluation.
2. Minimum of two (2) years relevant professional experience preferable in a development project; more experienced applicants are welcome to apply.
3. Strong analytical skills, ability to conceptualize, plan and execute innovative ideas, as well as, transfer of knowledge and skills;
4. Excellent computer skills and proficient in Microsoft applications, especially in Microsoft Excel;
5. Knowledgeable and has experience in data collection, data analysis and research;
6. Experience in administrative and technical works will be an added advantage;
7. Works well both independently with minimal management direction and with a team;
8. Able and willing to travel as deemed necessary;
9. Good network of academic and professional contacts; and
10. Familiarity with the PRDP system will be an asset

Recommending Approval:


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