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TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

FOR

ECONOMIST

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:

The **Economist** shall report directly to the Project and Deputy Project Director. She/He would assist in effectively and efficiently carrying out macro and micro level economic analysis of the project areas. Apart from assisting in the determination of the economic and financial viability of subprojects under the PRDP, the Economist shall work with components/support units at the PSO and shall assist in ensuring that PRDP strategies and interventions are a) identified, designed, programmed and prioritized according to their consistency and contribution to both the PRDP strategic plans and targets and overall economic development plans of the project areas, and b) complementary to sustainable rural development initiatives of rural development actors in the project areas.

JOB DESCRIPTION/DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provides macroeconomic analysis at the appropriate level and determines the possible implications of such analysis to the PRDP strategic and operations plan and targets, the overall economic development direction of the area and current rural development initiatives in the project sites;
2. Provides technical inputs and analysis to : a) the prioritization criteria of the PRDP in opening new project areas and in enhancing current programmed interventions in priority areas, b) the various development support interventions that may be developed by the I-BUILD and I-REAP components and c) the formulation and validation of current socio-economic indicators as may be designed by the Management Information Systems of the Project;
3. Efficiently and effectively assists the approval process of all sub-component investments funded by the Project and together with management, agree on a series of time bound processing of targets for subprojects appraisal process;
4. Identifies investment benchmarks to be used in initial subproject screening for different types of investment and establish different models and working procedure so that LGUs and other agencies are clearly aware of the methodology used in sub-component evaluation;

5. Together with the M&E Unit personnel, assists in establishing a system of recording and monitoring the appraisal process;
6. Arranges seminars and training for the LGUs staff in subproject FS preparation and evaluation;
7. Reviews FS of subprojects that requires NPCO OL or NOL and endorses those that needs WB OL or NOL; and
8. Performs other tasks as may be assigned by the Project and Deputy Project Director.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

Bachelor's Degree in Economics and related courses. With graduate studies or specialization is an advantage.

JOB EXPERIENCE/SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

1. Minimum of three (3) years working experience as Economist and at least one (1) year in foreign assisted projects implemented by Local Government;
2. Minimum of 48 hours relevant trainings;
3. Proficient in written and oral communications;
4. Demonstrate capability in developing and conducting technical capacity building;
5. Computer literate with high proficiency in MS word, excel, power point and can operate at the least a program on economic and financial analysis;
6. Ability to work with stakeholders on multiple levels including non-government organizations, people's organization, donors, media groups, religious groups and local government units;
7. Proven organizational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously;
8. Can work independently and result oriented; and
9. Willing to travel extensively on different locations most of the time or even on a short notice.

APPROVED:

REMELYN R. RECOTER, MNSA, CESO III
Regional Executive Director, DA-RFO VI
Project Director

For and in behalf of the Project Director:

ENGR. JOSE ALBERT A. BARROGO
Deputy Project Director

