



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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MONROVIA, LIBERIA**



**Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP)
LOAN #: P175263**

TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR) FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Post Title: Livestock Development Specialist

Location of Post: Monrovia, Ministry of Agriculture, Montserrado County

Recruitment: National

Contract Duration: 2 years' contract, renewable based on agreed satisfactory performance targets and deliverables

Reports to: Operations Manager

Recruitment: National Position

Background

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Agriculture, has received a support from the World Bank, for the Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP). The RETRAP seeks to increase income of rural poor households through sustainable agricultural livelihood enhancements and improved rural access and agricultural marketing infrastructure services. As its focus, the project will support the value chains of cassava, Rubber, Poultry & Pig husbandry Vegetables. The project will be implemented in 11 of the 15 counties over a period of five years. Moreover, the government's commitment to diversify the economy under the PAPD gives priority to agriculture, particularly to supporting eight value chains: rice, oil palm, horticulture, cocoa, rubber, cassava, poultry, and pig husbandry.

Liberia Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) is from the World Bank group financing to improve productivity and market access for small holder farmers and Agri-enterprises for selected value chains in project participating counties: The main beneficiaries of the proposed project will be smallholder farmers and Agri entrepreneurs (private agribusiness investors, cooperatives, and small and medium enterprises processing or providing other services to agri-food systems) who are engaged in the selected value chains.

Scope of Services

The Livestock Development Specialist will be based in the Project's office in Monrovia but will frequently visit project sites and will contribute to the agenda of the **Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP)**. He / She will be involved in poultry including backyard poultry production and Piggery, two of the main value chains targeted under this project

Main Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Operations Manager and in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Department, S/He will perform the following functions:

1. Strengthening technical and institutional capacities focusing on the enabling environment
2. building the capacity of the private and public Livestock agribusiness services to deliver quality services to private investors, including smallholder farmers.
3. undertake a functional review of entities and recommend/implement appropriate solutions for improving the quality Livestock agribusiness in general, and poultry and piggery agribusiness services in particular.
4. Identify potential business opportunities for smallholders to become more competitive producers in meeting market demands and sustainable linkages with buyers.
5. Prepare business plans and proposals for investment subprojects reflecting the identified opportunities.
6. Build capacity among technical service providers to enhance the quality of the services in accordance with the project Development Objective (PDO) under the framework of Animal Resource Development, Ministry of Agriculture.
7. Enhance entrepreneurship development in Poultry and piggery agribusiness and promoting private investments.
8. Support project management, coordination, and a contingency emergency response.
9. Review and update the government strategies, develop a shared vision and harmonized approach and creating an enabling environment for private and public investments in poultry and piggery value chains.
10. Participate in the strategic planning, business management and enterprise development, M&E and marketing intelligence for locally poultry and piggery inputs and out put supplies.
11. Identify opportunities for Productive Alliances among FBOs, Agri-enterprises, processors, and commercial partners;
12. Support studies to evaluate the potential for investments in the Livestock value chains that will promote climate change mitigation.
13. Plan and lead components of multidisciplinary teams, leads and/or participates in internal committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks.

14. Develop technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programs of work, projects, products and/or services.
15. Design and conduct research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise;
16. Collaborate in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities;
17. Promote poultry and piggery Agribusiness value chains, advocates best practices, and provides technical expertise at the project targeted counties for the livestock sector and crosscutting Value chains; and
18. Provide Emergency Veterinary Responses and Responsibilities in the Animal Production husbandry system.

Qualification and Experience

- Advanced university degree (Masters) in veterinary medicine, or related field.
- Five years or more of relevant experience in animal health, infectious and production disease management, including poultry and piggery Agribusiness Management
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable.
- Extent and relevance of experience in animal health projects and programs management
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize resources.
- Working knowledge of knowledge of English

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Selection Method: Individual Consultancy Selection (INDV) method.

If you are interested and fulfill the above-mentioned requirements in any of the positions, please send your application to UNDP Human Resources Department via the

below email address indicating in the subject line the position:

vacancies.lr@undp.org.

Please note that the Application package includes a Motivational letter and a Curriculum Vitae (CV), with Notarized educational credentials, Names, email addresses and phone numbers of 5 referees, two of whom must be former or current Supervisors.

Deadline- October 18, 2021