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# Food and Agriculture organization of the United Nations

### **Terms of Reference for Interns**

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| **Name:** |  | | | | | |
| **Job Title:**  Agribusiness Development Intern |  | | | | | |
| **Division/Office:** FAO SAP | |  | | | | |
| **Duty Station:** Apia, Samoa |  | | | | | |
| **Linkage to FAO’s Four Betters: All four betters** |  | | | | | |
| **Start Date of Assignment:** | | | ASAP | **Duration and**  **End Date:** 6 to 11 months |  | |
| **Report to, name of supervisor:**  Hemant Nitturkar | | |  | **Title:**  Agriculture Officer |  | |
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| General Description of task(s) and objectives to be achieved | | | | | | |
| |  | | --- | | **Background:**  Boosting production, productivity, value addition and stakeholder remuneration in agriculture sector, which includes crops, fisheries, livestock and forestry, while ensuring adequate availability and affordability of adequate, safe and nutritious food to populations in the Pacific region is key to moving towards meeting the SDG targets. Aging population in agriculture sector presents a twin challenge in the region of low levels of innovation and enterprise in agriculture valuechains, and under- unemployment in youth and women.  Various agriculture for development projects in the region try to address key challenges in the sector, but very few projects are designed to address all the challenges across the valuechains. A new initiative of One Country One priority Product (OCOP) and a new focus on developing youth and women led small scale agribusiness enterprises in the Pacific region promise sustainable and inclusive development opportunities. But the ecosystem in the Pacific region is not yet developed, and much work needs to be done in this area in regards to enabling policy, stakeholder awareness and capacity building, agribusiness incubation, market linkage and in creating access to resources to the valuechain players. This internship offers an opportunity for person with passion in agriculture for development through innovation and application of all tools with promise. |   **Duties and Responsibilities:**   * Review and understand the issues affecting the agriculture sector in the Pacific region, especially in Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Tonga and Solomon Islands. * Understand and articulate how OCOP and small scale rural agribusiness development can help in sustainable and inclusive development. * Under the guidance of the Supervisor and in consultation with other experts in the office, develop strategies for entire value chain development in select contexts. * Identify and story-tell success stories and create innovative communication material to scale up the possibilities * Develop strategies to encourage youth and women participation in agriculture sector | | | | | | |
| key performance indicators | | | | | | |
| **Expected Outputs**: | | | | | | Required Completion Date: |
| 1. SWOT analysis of six valuechains (Samoa – Cocoa, Fiji – Turmeric, Cook Islands – Taro, Vanuatu – Poultry, Solomon Islands – Cassava and Tonga – Cava) 2. Strategy for commodity valuechain development in pacific countries 3. Strategies to encourage youth and women participation in agriculture sector – Agribusiness Incubation Program plan 4. At least 3 success story case studies | | | | | | 1. By the end of month 1 2. By the end of month 2 3. By the end of month 3 4. By the end of month 6 |
| **REQUIRED COMPETENCIES** | | | | | | |
| **Minimum requirements:**   * Enrolled in an under-graduate, graduate degree programme in Agriculture, Horticulture, Food technology, agribusiness or related in a “bona fide” educational institution at the time of application or recent graduate. Please note that FAO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU)/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed at [http://www.whed.net/](http://www.whed.net/home.php) * Candidates should be aged between 21 and 30 * Keen interest in agriculture for development space * Willingness to learn, adapt and network * Working knowledge in English * Ability to communicate well – both written and verbal in English * Practical experience in agriculture sector would be an asset | | | | | | |
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