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Technician in agriculture/Agronomist

Nutrition and Health project

Based in Salavan (Southern Laos), you are participating in the implementation of a community project. The overall objective of this project is to improve the nutrition and health of children and vulnerable people in partner villages. You will be involved with our local partner in the training and monitoring of Village Development Committee (VDC) in the project partner villages, in order to optimize food security and WASH access of the people living in the target villages through training in crop and livestock production and better WASH management.

In collaboration with the local team members in charge of the project, you participate in the implementation of activities in the villages. You participate in the overall coordination of the project and the relationship with donors.

1. Presentation of SFE:

SFE is a French NGO working in the South of Laos since 1998. With its 4 ongoing projects involving 60 local collaborators and 22 expatriate experts, SFE wants to implement projects on the field in order to meet the real needs of people and communities. We consider them as our development partners as well as beneficiaries. In cooperation with the local authorities, SFE is committed to support the local medical structures, as well as integrated rural development.

2. Position and starting date :

- 3 years employment contract at least
- Full-time job
- Status: volunteer. The collaborator is asked to find his/her financial support
- Expected starting period: beginning 2025.

3. Location :

South of Laos (Salavan Province).

4. Framework defined by :

- Agreements signed between SFE and its donors
- A Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Salavan project signed between SFE and the Lao government
- All the official documents of SFE including in particular the internal regulation and the vision.

5. Main activities:

General project management:

- Supervision, management and adequate training of local staff in activities related to the agricultural component of the project (as crop and livestock production)
- Supervision, coaching and adequate training of local SFE staff in activities related to the community health and nutrition component of the project.

- Training and monitoring of local partners (districts and village development community) in carrying out the nutrition activities in which they are involved in order to bring them to responsibility and autonomy.
- Ensures the quality of the activities implemented, on technical and educational levels
- Ensures the smooth running of the project's community activities according to the commitments made to donors, authorities, and beneficiaries, in accordance with the vision and working methods of SFE.

Administration / Communication / Coordination:

- To facilitate collaboration with the local authorities at provincial and district levels.
- Participates in the administrative work and in the financial and operational management of the project
- Maintains good relations with the financial partners of the project, in particular by contributing to activity and financial reports in due time.
- Participates in the planning and design of future projects.
- Contributes to the functioning of the SFE through exchanges with other projects, sharing of expertise, and participation in the internal functioning of the NGO

6. Supervision:

Project representative.

7. Skills, experience and qualifications required:

Skills and qualities:

- Willingness to serve the poorest in a remote province of Laos for 3 years minimum.
- Abilities to develop (create) and maintain relationships.
- Ability to work in a team and lead working groups.
- Ability to share agricultural knowledge in a simple and educational way.
- A curious and open mind to look for innovative solutions, especially to improve life and dignity of the most vulnerable.
- Capacity to write reports and to follow a budget.
- Autonomy and capacity of self-studying, flexibility to learn Lao and to work in that language.
- Character that can cope with a situation of relative isolation over the commitment period.

Experiences:

- At least one year working experience
- Work experience in an inter-cultural or foreign context is a plus
- Knowledge of the world of “international solidarity” is a plus, but initial training at the start of employment is possible.
- Strong foundation in faith.

Qualifications:

- Certificate/degree in agriculture/agronomy
- Good knowledge of written and spoken English.
- Training in development work is an advantage possibility of initial training at the beginning of the job
- Mastering of word processing, spreadsheet and presentation programs (Word, Excel, Power Point)

8. Application process

CV and motivation letter have to be sent by email to: france@sfe-laos.org.

Website: www.sfe-laos.org