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Program Evaluation Short Course for Mid-career Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition Professionals

Call for Applications

Michigan State University has received funding from the Feed the Future Initiative of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID/Cambodia) to conduct short-course program evaluation training to strengthen program evaluation capacity within Cambodia's food security and agricultural development organizations and agricultural universities. Under this initiative, a limited number of mid-career professionals will be selected to receive the training in Cambodia.

Applications are invited from Cambodian professionals to participate in a short-course program consisting of two six-day training sessions. The first session will take place January 04-09, 2016 and the second session is tentatively scheduled for August 15-20, 2016 at the Royal University of Agriculture in Phnom Penh. Between January and August, teams of program participants will plan, implement evaluation fieldwork, analyze data, and write up results of evaluation case studies of agriculture, food security and nutrition programs/projects in Cambodia. In preparation for the second session participants will be required to meet with MSU staff in Cambodia 2-3 times to get advice on data encoding, cleaning, analysis, and reporting. Results of the evaluation case studies will be shared with other course participants and through case-study publications under the auspices of the Feed the Future--Cambodia's Impact Evaluation Project.

Eligible applicants include those from Cambodian government agencies, private-sector organizations, universities, and research institutes, as well as individuals from USAID-funded collaborative research support projects and Cambodian staff members of non-governmental organizations who are working in the areas of agriculture, food security and/or nutrition.

The short-course program will be offered in English with limited Khmer translation. Therefore, a reasonable level of English language proficiency is essential for all applicants.

PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES:

Participants will:

- Understand and be able to explain evaluation principles, models and techniques.
- Develop and demonstrate skills in identifying indicators of program success.
- Plan and implement an evaluation of an on-going or completed program/project.
- Develop skills in data entry in SPSS and data analysis, and apply those skills to their evaluation projects.
- Interpret the data, write an evaluation report, and share findings with stakeholders.

FUNDING:

All training course instruction, materials, transportation, lodging and meals will be provided by the project in accordance with USAID/Cambodia guidelines. Each participant will work on a team evaluation project funded by the training program.

The application form is available at: <http://fsg.afre.msu.edu/cambodia/index.htm>.

METHOD OF APPLICATION: Applicants should submit their application materials (signed application form and curriculum vitae saved in a single document) as an email attachment to: suvedi@anr.msu.edu.

For more information, contact MSU staff in Phnom Penh, Mr. Sreng Bora by email: bora.sreng@gmail.com or phone: 012 454 629

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15, 2015