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

Learn How to Design and Implement an Evaluation Study for a Development Program/Project

WHAT:
Be one of 25 professionals selected to receive training in program evaluation. Participate in a multi-phase program involving two five-day training sessions at Royal University of Agriculture in Phnom Penh. Use time between sessions to plan, implement, analyze and write up results of an agriculture, food security and nutrition program/project or USAID’s Feed the Future project activity. Share results with other participants of the course or through publications from the Feed the Future -Cambodia’s Impact Evaluation. (NOTE: Trainees who complete evaluation case studies that meet quality standards will be provided assistance with the revisions needed to then submit for journal publication.)

WHO:
Eligible applicants include staff from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Office of the Council of Ministers, the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, the Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute, the Ministry of Rural Development, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, the Ministry of Women’s Affairs, the Cambodian Development Resource Institute, and the Council for the Development of Cambodia; faculty and students from agricultural universities such as the Royal University of Agriculture and others; Cambodian participants in USAID-funded Collaborative Research Support Projects, and Cambodian staff of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The course will be offered in English (with limited Khmer translation).

WHY:
The demand for evaluation of agricultural development, food security and nutrition programs is rising due to increased expectations for accountability and efficient use of funds, increased competition for limited funding, and the escalating number and complexity of issues to be addressed. Funders and stakeholders want to know how their resources are used, if programs are effective, and if there is reason to continue funding. As such, evaluation, a critical programming function, provides empirical indicators for consideration by decision makers as they plan for future program development and funding allocation.

WHERE:
Royal University of Agriculture, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

WHEN:
- First Session: January 17-22, 2013
  Evaluation purposes, models, ethics, applications, methods, sampling, proposal writing, instrument development, data collection & analysis, interpretation, report writing
- Second Session: June 17-21, 2013
  Data analysis and presentation of results, report preparation

Participants will plan, conduct and write their evaluation projects between sessions, and finalize writing after the second session.

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 independently or with a team;
- Develop skills in data entry in SPSS, data analysis, and apply those skills to their evaluation project; and
- Interpret the data, write an evaluation report, and share findings with stakeholders.

APPLICATION:
Deadline: January 9, 2013
Submit to: Dr. Murari Suvedi, Professor
Michigan State University
E-mail: suvedi@anr.msu.edu

FUNDING:
All training course instruction, materials, transportation, and meals will be provided by USAID-funded project. Each participant may be provided a small stipend to be used for data collection expenses.
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APPLICATION/NOMINATION PROCESS:

▪ Complete the application form below or download from: http://aec.msu.edu/fs2/cambodia/index.htm

▪ Sign the “commitment statements”

▪ Send application materials as e-mail attachment to:
  Dr. Murari Suvedi, Professor
  Michigan State University
  E-mail: suvedi@anr.msu.edu

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Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Dr. ______________________________

Current Position & Employer: ______________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________

  Address Line 1
  Address Line 2

  City
  Country
  Zip or Other Code

Email: ____________________________ Telephone/Mobile #: ____________________________

Personal Statement of Commitment:
I have approval from ministry/department/university/organization to participate in this course. I commit to fully participate in two five-day training sessions in Phnom Penh (January 17-22, and June 17-21, 2013), and I commit to planning and implementing a food security, agricultural development, nutrition or rural development evaluation project, then writing and sharing the results with other participants of the course or sponsoring agency, and (if selected) submit for publication.

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Signature of Applicant          Date

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 9, 2013