

Environment and Sustainable Development Unit

Terms of Reference

Catering Expert

Data analyst and Impact assessment Expert

The Environment & Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU) at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS) of the American University of Beirut is an inter-disciplinary research and development center specialized in rural community development, local food systems and sustainable agriculture. For more than 20 years, ESDU has been promoting through large community development projects sustainable rural livelihoods all over Lebanon. The Unit focuses on participatory development and capacity building through knowledge management and sharing, appropriate technologies, and impact analysis with particular attention to smallholder farmers, women and youth in the rural areas. ESDU is currently implementing in partnership with Concern Worldwide and LARI “Value Chains for Improved Socio-Economic Well-Being of Syrian Refugees and Lebanese Host Communities” project in Akkar and Dannieh to promote the capacities of Lebanese and Syrian refugees, enhance their skills and support their access to income generating activities in a protective environment while addressing two main value chains, Herbs and Dairy. The project is funded by The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).

ESDU is seeking to recruit a catering expert with an extensive experience in hospitality. He/she shall support in creating market linkages within the project. He/she will be based in Beirut, with regular visits to the North, and will directly coordinate with ESDU project coordinator.

Scope of Work

The Catering Consultant will be primarily responsible of the following activities:

- Categorizing the coops/SMEs based on their marketing capacities in providing catering services and selecting those who are most capacitated
- Identifying the businesses (coops and SMEs) star products
- Linking the businesses to Akletna marketing channel
- Supporting Akletna in setting catering menu that complies with the products provided by the targeted coops/SMEs
- Training 8 businesses on specific Akletna recipes.
- Provisioning of at least 8 coaching sessions in the North.
- Provisioning of ready to cook products from these businesses to Akletna central kitchen during a 3 months period

Essential Minimum Qualifications

- A university degree in hospitality
- Minimum 5 years of previous job experience relevant to the function or a related field
- Experience in working with community kitchens and small businesses is a plus
- Experience working with local communities
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent knowledge of Arabic and English languages
- Good reporting skills
- Availability of refrigerated truck is a plus

Period

- From 15 June 2022 till 29 September 2022

How to Apply

- Deadline to submit CV: June 30, 2022
- Interested candidates should send their CVs to: esdu@aub.edu.lb
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