

Environment and Sustainable Development Unit

Terms of Reference

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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, QCC 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 Food Innovation Consultant with an extensive experience on dairy production and sun-drying. He/she shall develop innovative herbs and dairy products and innovative processing techniques to be handled to the project’s beneficiaries. He/she directly coordinates with ESDU project coordinator.

Scope of Work

The Food Innovative Consultant will be primarily responsible of the following activities:

- Develop at least 7 innovative dairy and herbs products with market potentials and provide ESDU experts with their recipes and relevant technical material.
- Lead the development and testing of the new innovative products to evaluate its market potential and consumers’ satisfaction.
- Provide technical support for ESDU specialized team on food processing topics including dairy production, mouneh products and sun-drying of selected crops with market value.

- Provide support in the market exploration for aromatic herbs and dairy products for the aim of identifying the markets' needs and opportunities, the stakeholders involved and potential products to satisfy demand.
- Conduct weekly team meetings.
- Develop and submit reports as and when required.
- Relocate or face a longer commute as and when required.

Essential Minimum Qualifications

- A university degree in food production relevant fields
- Minimum 5 years of previous job experience relevant to the function or a related field
- Knowledge of food processing best practices
- Experience working with local communities
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent knowledge of Arabic and English languages
- Good reporting skills

Period

- From 1 February 2022 to September 29 2022

How to Apply

- Deadline to submit CV: January 17, 2022
- Interested candidates should send their CV to: esdu@aub.edu.lb