

## Vacancy Announcement

## VA no.2024-14

**HELVETAS Laos** is a development organization operating in Laos since 2001 and aims to support the Government of Laos to achieve its socio-economic development goal by supporting the rural communities to overcome poverty in a manner that is socially just, environmentally sustainable, and economically viable.

HELVETAS Laos is looking for a Technical Agriculture and Agribusiness Officer (Coffee) for the Lao Upland Rural Advisory Services Project (LURAS Project Phase III) funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Job title	Technical Agriculture and Agribusiness Officer (Coffee)			
Location	base in Xiengkhouang Province (frequent travel to the other provinces)			
Duration of contract	12 months			
Date of entry	ASAP			
Key Tasks	<ul> <li>Promotion of specialty coffee and coffee farmers empowerment</li> <li>Support the process of building the capacity of PAFO, DAFO and Learning centres to be equipped to provide technical advice, training and practical support to farmers in sustainable farming techniques.</li> <li>Assist the farmer groups to connect with specialty coffee buyers and markets and build their capacity in marketing their products.</li> <li>Provide guidance on developing farmer organizations for collective action and stronger bargaining in processing and marketing.</li> <li>Facilitate partnerships to introduce new processing methods, quality control systems, grading standards, and certification schemes to add value and expand market opportunities.</li> <li>Timely quality field reports demonstrating the progress and results of the interventions</li> <li>Support the collection of key data related to adaptation of practices, production volumes, market trends and the requirements of the private sector.</li> </ul>			
Profile/ Qualification	<ul> <li>Academic qualifications (BSc minimum) related to agriculture, agronomy, natural resource management, or a related field</li> <li>Min 5-7 years' experience working in agriculture, rural community development, agribusiness, farmer organisations development, value chain, (experience in coffee sector is an advantage)</li> <li>Well-seasoned level of technical professional, with strong experience with partnership development and capacity development processes.</li> <li>Experience working with development partners, private sector and government.</li> <li>Proficiency in MS Office and online tools.</li> <li>Intermediate understanding and writing in English language</li> <li>Self-directed, reliable, accountable, professional; effective coordination &amp; good communication skills</li> <li>Optional/Desirable</li> <li>Previous work experience in coffee value chain</li> <li>Gender and social inclusion strategies</li> <li>Monitoring and documentation of results, data collection and analysis</li> <li>Advanced English or knowledge of an ethnic Lao language will be an advantage</li> </ul>			

Application address	•	To apply please fill in your information on the link <u>here</u>

Dateline for Application	13 December 2025
Indication/	Detailed job description can be made available on request to email
Remarks	Laos.Recruitment@helvetas.org
	<ul> <li>Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Attractive salary and benefit package for the right candidate as per the HELVETAS Laos Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>

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