

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Reference #	006/01/2026/F&Badvisor/G-VAN/New Delhi
Project	Strengthening gender-responsive forest ecosystems management and agroforestry in India (G-VAN)
Position	Value Chain Expert (Internal Designation: Forestry and Biodiversity Advisor)
Band	Band 4
Location	New Delhi
<p>To apply click on the link: https://www.giz-jobs.com/india/</p> <p>Documents to be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV and a statement of suitability for this position • A maximum of 2 pages note on one of the topics given below <p>➤ What are the best practices in value-chain models with private sector participation in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand that have demonstrably improved farmer incomes and market linkages.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>➤ What factors limit the effective implementation of sustainable value chains for forest and agroforestry commodities and how these challenges can be resolved?</p> <p>Last Date of Application: 25th January 2026</p>	

A. About GIZ India

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B. Project Background

The 'Strengthening gender-responsive forest ecosystems management and agroforestry in India (G-VAN)' project is implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in partnership with the Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) at the national level and the forest departments of Himachal Pradesh (HPFD), Uttarakhand (UKFD), Uttar Pradesh (UPFD) and Madhya Pradesh (MPFD) at the state level. The overall goal is to strengthen gender-responsive and climate-resilient management of forest and agroforestry ecosystems in selected states of India. The implementation approach of the project is defined as per the following project core areas and broader interventions:

- The institutional framework for gender-responsive forest and agroforestry management that promotes climate resilience has improved.
- Equitable planning processes and implementation of gender-responsive forest and agroforestry management that promotes climate resilience are supported.
- Gender-responsive or gender-transformative income-generating measures are implemented by forest and agroforestry ecosystem-dependent groups.

C. Responsibilities

- Provide technical and policy advice and train stakeholders in technical / operational sustainability aspects of gender responsive value chain activities implemented by the project.
- Contribute to the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting of the value chain activities of the project.

- Explore linkages (forward and backward) of the identified commodities in forest and agroforestry sector and assess potential for future activities or scaling up of the current value chain.
- Organise and coordinate with the private sector such as training, policy advice and linking to the markets.
- Engage with relevant local-level governance institutions (e.g. Gram Panchayat/FPO/SHGs) and implementing partners to jointly support project activities.
- Engage with the implementation partner team in their tasks with jointly agreed project activities on conducting comprehensive analysis of value chains of identified commodities in project implementing states.
- Organise and facilitate workshops, stakeholder meetings and other events.

D. Core Scope of Tasks

1. Advising Partner Institution (s)

- Advise partner states and relevant stakeholders regarding the implementation of forestry and agroforestry measures and development of sustainable value chain for forest and agroforestry commodities.
- Support institutional strengthening and capacity development of partners at state and district levels.
- Coordinate the implementation of the project measures in the states

2. Management and Coordination

- Work with the project team and partners in planning, implementing, and monitoring the project in accordance with project objectives, indicators and activities agreed with the partner
- Prepare terms of reference for various assignments, undertake technical review and quality assurance of deliverables from national and international consultancy teams and implementing partners, monitoring timelines and payments.
- Prepare appropriate input for various project reports, including annual reports, and project presentations and contribute to reports and assist the supervisor regarding result-based monitoring.
- Coordinating with respective stakeholders for assessing the progress of the project as well as monitoring of project impact

3. Knowledge management, communication and networking

- Compile, evaluate and document good practices for the project implementation
- Document case studies, success stories, guidelines, lessons learned and other knowledge-products.
- Develops and maintains contact with all important stakeholders and donor agencies working in the state
- Planning, implementation and documentation of events

4. Other duties/additional tasks

- Coordinate towards communications of technical findings and recommendations effectively to diverse audiences.
- Support the organisation of workshops, field visits, expert missions and events related to the above tasks.
- Support in managing and collaborating with external consultants and experts.
- Identify opportunities for synergies/collaboration with other GIZ projects., NGOs, external initiatives, donors, etc.
- Monitoring and analysing relevant political, technical, and economic developments in India.

- Perform other duties and tasks at the request of management.

E. Required Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

- Post graduate degree in Agribusiness Management, Agriculture, Forestry, Business Management Agroforestry, Environment, Rural Development or related field.
- At least 5 years' experience in areas of consulting, project implementation, stakeholder management of diverse professional networks and/or international development.
- Hands-on experience in value chain development of forestry and agroforestry commodities.
- Proven experience in agri-business sector in the context of development cooperation within an international organisation or as a consultant; experience Proven track record in working with State/National Governments, providing policy and technical support in the field of sustainable development or related areas.
- Experience in conceptualizing and organizing capacity development programs.
- Experience with agricultural and rural development conditions within local context in an international organisation will be an added advantage.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to prioritize tasks, work pro-actively, manage deadlines, handle multiple responsibilities simultaneously.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders, including government officials, project partners, and consultants.
- Willingness and ability to travel often to Delhi and to project sites in project implementing states.

E. Location: New Delhi

F. Duration of the contract: August 2028

Application without GIZ application form will not be considered

- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- GIZ supports Work-Life Balance.
- GIZ promotes Gender Diversity – Applications from women professionals are encouraged.
- Please note that those individuals who have completed a consultancy assignment with GIZ in less than 6 months prior to the intended start date for this position will not be shortlisted due to organisational policy.

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