

Senior Consultant – Synthesis of Impact Evaluations in Agriculture

1. Background

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) promotes evidence-informed equitable, inclusive and sustainable development. We support the generation and effective use of high-quality evidence to inform decision-making and improve the lives of people living in poverty in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We provide guidance and support to produce, synthesize and quality assure evidence of what works, for whom, how, why and at what cost. 3ie is registered as a non-governmental organization in the United States. It has offices in New Delhi, London and Washington, DC.

We are inviting applications for the post of Senior Consultant to produce a synthesis paper on a series of 3ie-supported impact evaluations on agricultural technology adoption in LMICs.

2. Summary

This consultant will work with the evaluation specialist managing 3ie's Agricultural Innovations Evidence Program to produce a synthesis paper summarizing results from the studies conducted under this program. The consultant will be required to work independently, with the program manager providing overall guidance.

3. Key responsibilities

The consultant will have primary responsibility to produce a report that:

- Summarizes the results from the 13 impact evaluations and 1 formative evaluation supported under the Agricultural Innovations Evidence Program
- Identifies key areas of congruence and divergence among the findings of the different studies
- Identifies potential barriers and facilitators of effective agricultural interventions
- Extracts actionable insights for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners

3ie can arrange to provide a research assistant to support the consultant's work, if desired.

4. Qualifications and key competencies

- Master's or PhD in Economics, Public Policy, Public Administration or related field with an emphasis on empirical methods
- Familiarity with impact evaluation research in the agricultural sector in LMICs
- Demonstrated experience producing rigorous and polished literature reviews

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- Excellent skills in communication, time management, teamwork and relationship management
- Interpersonal sensitivity and multicultural sensitivity

5. Eligibility

The position is remote, but candidates should be available between 8am and 6pm GMT. 3ie is an equal-opportunity employer committed to equality and diversity. We do not discriminate based on sex, age, religion, ethnicity, caste, sexual orientation or for being differently abled. We particularly encourage ethnic minorities and differently-abled persons to apply.

6. Terms of employment

Candidate should be available to start work at the earliest. The consultant will be paid a day rate commensurate with this position and as per the project budget for a maximum of 50 days. The contract will be valid till 31 December 2021. This contract is not a commitment by 3ie to use the consultant for the maximum number of days. The number of days used will depend on project needs.

Our policies and procedures reflect our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults from abuse. We follow a zero-tolerance policy for any form of bullying or harassment in the workplace.

7. How to Apply

Please apply by e-mail to jobs@3ieimpact.org. Please include 'Ag synthesis consultant – Delhi Office' in the subject. The applicant must provide, at a minimum, the following:

- A cover letter, not exceeding one page, highlighting your qualifications and experience relevant to the terms of reference;
- Curriculum vitae (not to exceed four pages);
- Writing sample (preferably a sample of a proposal, research paper, or other technical document that you alone authored); and
- Contact information for three professional references

The application deadline is 1 September 2021. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We will contact only the shortlisted candidates.