



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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| Date of Issue | 23 April 2024 |
| Project Code | 24-RC-25-GE-RES-B |
| Title | Research on Productivity Gainsharing Best Practices in the Agrifood Sector |
| Timing | 23 April 2024–31 December 2024 |
| Hosting Country(ies) | Not Applicable |
| Venue City(ies) | Not Applicable |
| Modality | Online |
| Implementing Organization(s) | APO Secretariat |
| Participating Country(ies) | Bangladesh, Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkiye, and Vietnam |
| Overseas Participants | Not Applicable |
| Local Participants | Not Applicable |
| Closing Date | 21 June 2024 |
| Remarks | The above deadline is for nomination of national experts. |

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| Objectives | Explore the best applications and practices of productivity gainsharing models in the agrifood sector in APO member economies, assess the effectiveness of productivity gainsharing practices in the agrifood sector, and provide recommendations on productivity gainsharing models based on the lessons learned. |
| Rationale | Enabling fair gainsharing along the agrifood value chain is one way to increase farm-level productivity and farmers' profits. This in turn reduces poverty among farmers and improves national living standards and food security programs in the long run. |
| Background | <p>During the COVID-19 pandemic, disruptions in global food supply chains and food price inflation heightened concerns about food insecurity. With ongoing trade issues, natural hazards, and tight macroeconomic conditions, the pressure to improve agricultural productivity globally is high.</p> <p>Agrifood sectors in many Asian countries consist of small-scale, individually operated farms due to the historical prevalence of subsistence farming. Small-scale operation is associated with low economies of scale and limited market access, utilization of extension services, and high-tech facilities. The low bargaining power of individual farmers with supply chain intermediaries reduces their returns. To address these issues, governments have introduced price controls and hedging techniques while forming farmers' organizations and cooperatives. Within the productivity gainsharing framework, assessing the effectiveness of these measures and comparing them across countries can yield important policy insights.</p> |
| Topics | Need for gainsharing in agrifood sectors; Policy responses to enhance gainsharing; Agrifood value chain analysis and implications for food security and poverty alleviation; Agrifood productivity with gainsharing; and Best practices of agrifood gainsharing. |
| Outcome | A report on country-specific and broad-based analysis covering methods and practices of gainsharing in the agrifood sector including gaps, policy directions, and farm productivity to reduce poverty and increase food security in APO members. |
| Qualifications | Academics, researchers, and policy practitioners with knowledge of national agricultural issues, research experience, and excellent report preparation and English writing skills. |

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR APO RESEARCH PROJECTS (DIGITAL MULTICOUNTRY)

1. Methodology

- a. The first coordination meeting of experts: A coordination meeting to launch the project in which the research methodology and framework will be introduced by the chief expert to national experts. National experts will give brief introductions to their national situations as relevant to the project. The virtual session will be around three hours on one day.
- b. In-country research: Each national expert will collect and analyze information and data and write a preliminary report based on the first coordination meeting. The reports will be finalized after the second coordination meeting.
- c. The second coordination meeting of experts: The preliminary reports detailing country-specific situations will be presented in this meeting for feedback from other experts. The virtual sessions will be around three hours each day for two days.

2. Qualifications of Experts

Chief expert

Extensive experience in undertaking international research projects on agricultural economics with specialization in agricultural value chain analysis, a track record of published research and conference presentations on those topics, and excellent English writing and presentation skills.

National experts

Policy analysts, policy practitioners, or academic researchers with good knowledge of agriculture-sector issues in the APO member economies, demonstrable experience in conducting analytical studies, and good report preparation and English communication skills.

3. Tasks of Experts

Chief expert

- a. Develop the overall framework and guidelines for the research.
- b. Present the research framework, methodology, and report structure to national experts during the initial coordination meeting.
- c. Discuss the findings of national reports in the second coordination meeting in which national experts make presentations.
- d. Review the drafts submitted by national experts and provide feedback to ensure the quality of the work.
- e. Provide support and advice to national experts in conducting the research.
- f. Prepare the final report and submit it to the APO Secretariat by the deadline.

National experts

- a. Attend the initial coordination meeting and give brief presentations on their national situations based on the guidelines provided.
- b. Collect information and data at national level closely following the methodology and framework provided.
- c. Conduct the analyses and write country reports based on the guidance provided.
- d. Present the preliminary reports during the second coordination meeting.
- e. Revise the reports based on the agreement arrived at during the coordination meeting reflecting the comments of the chief expert and APO Secretariat.
- f. Cooperate with the chief expert and make comments on a draft synthesis report to ensure its quality and consistency.

- g. Submit the reports following the agreed format to the chief expert and APO Secretariat by the deadline.

4. Financial Arrangements

To be met by the APO

- a. Honoraria for the chief and national experts.
- b. All assignment and relevant research publication costs.

To be met by experts or participating APO member economies

All local implementation costs incurred by national experts when collecting data at the national level.

5. Actions by Participating APO Member Economies

- a. Participating members are requested to nominate at least two candidate national experts before the deadline for selection.
- b. Each nomination must be accompanied by the APO biodata form and uploaded to the APO Document Management System (DMS)/Fleekdrive by the NPO.

6. Actions by the APO Secretariat

- a. Identify and invite a chief expert to lead the research until its completion.
- b. Coordinate all arrangements related to the research activities.