**Tender Notice**

**To engage an organization for Implementation of Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) Framework for sustainable agricultural practices in four states for Cardamom, Turmeric and Cumin**

The Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany (BMZ) under its DevelopPPP.de program has commissioned a project titled “Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmer’s Capacities in Sustainable Farming”. GIZ acts on behalf of BMZ in implementing the ***develoPPP.de*** program. GIZ and AVT McCormick (AVT McC) will jointly implement this project in four states in India, viz. Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan. The project aims to sustainably strengthen the production of cardamom, cumin and turmeric in these geographies, in order to increase capacities of spice farmers, to make production practices more economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

The overall aim of the project is to strengthen capacities of farmers to make production practices more economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable and to establish stable spice supply chains. This will result in improved productivity which is expected to increase farmers’ income and thereby contribute to the improvement of their livelihoods (expected impact). The project measures will ensure that spice farming remains financially attractive and productive in the longer run. It will also provide assurance for delivery of food safe spices and good ecosystem services from which AVT McC and the Indian spice market as well as the farming communities can benefit. The project aims to increase capacities of spice farmers in four states to make production practices more economically, socially and environmentally sustainable (**expected direct impact**). This will result in improved productivity which is expected to increase farmers’ income and thereby contribute to the improvement of their livelihoods (**expected indirect impact**)

To achieve Sustainability in Farms, SAI Platform’s Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) play important role in implementation of sustainable agricultural practices. FSA is a toolset for farms to assess, improve and verify on farm sustainability performance. Project needs to engage an agency to implement Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) for three spices in four states. This will include trainings, Gap assessment, internal audit, record keeping, identifying farmers for self-assessment etc.

The detailed documentation with regards this call for proposals includes –

* The Terms of Reference for the Assignment
* The Technical Evaluation Grid
* Bidding Conditions
* Financial bid template
* The General Terms & Conditions of Contracts

Tender timelines:

* **Deadline to receive queries: 18.11.2021**
* **Clarifications to the queries to be uploaded on web portals: 22.11.2021**

**The deadline for submission of proposals: 03.12.2021**

GIZ reserves the right to cancel/modify this tender and /or reject a bid document including subsequently a technical and financial proposal, without assigning any reasons.