



Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal

Vacancy Announcement

Federation of Community Forestry Users Nepal (FECOFUN), a formal national network of Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs) established in 1995 with the goal of promoting and protecting the rights of community forest users through advocacy, sustainable forest management, capacity building, and economic empowerment. It also aims to ensure good governance and institutional development of CFUGs.

FECOFUN with the support of CARE Nepal and in collaboration with National Farmers Group Federation Nepal (NFGF, Nepal) is going to implement the SAMRAKSHYAN Project from October, 2023 at Mutani Khola Watershed area in Lahan Municipality, Siraha District, Nepal with the main objectives of efficient watershed management, livelihood support of local communities through sustainable natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, institutional strengthen, better forest governance of CFUGs, livelihood support of local communities through enterprise establishment and coordination with government agencies as well as concern stakeholders. So, to achieve the above objective through sustainable natural resource management, especially effective community forest management, we announced the following position:

1. Position: Forest Technician

The Forest Technician will be responsible for establishing effective coordination with community forest user groups, district as well as local chapter of FECOFUN, and local stakeholders that include local government, Divisional and sub-divisional forest offices, and local CSOs/NGOs. The Forest Technician will be directly responsible to the NRM Officer of FECOFUN under the Samrakshyan Project.

Location: The Forest Technician is a position based at the Project Office, Lahan, Siraha District with frequent field travel and works as one of the key members of the SAMRAKSHYAN Project team.

No of Positions: 1 (One)

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

The Field Technician will be responsible for the following tasks during the implementation of the SAMRAKSHYAN Project in Lahan, Siraha District, Nepal.

- Facilitate for Bio-diversity conservation, and livelihood support of local communities through enterprise establishment
- Formation of farmers and entrepreneur groups to initiate Farmer Business Field School (FFBS) in forest and biodiversity conservation and net positive livelihood practices.
- Organize Farmer's Field School sessions on natural resource conservation, local ecosystem management, and harmful social norms in CFUGs and farmers/entrepreneurs' groups.
- Identify and enhance the skills and capacities of CFUGs to actively participate in project activities.
- Build and maintain relationships with community members, local leaders, and stakeholders for effective program implementation.
- Create awareness amongst CFUGs and other stakeholders about the concept and application of biodiversity conservation, watershed management, enterprise development, climate change adaptation, and sustainable forest management.
- Establish coordination with Divisional/Sub-Division Forest Offices, federal, provincial, and local governments, and other stakeholders while implementing operational forest management at the CFUG level.
- Establish regular coordination with SAMRAKSHYAN Project partners (CARE Nepal, FECOFUN, and NFGF Nepal) and provide necessary knowledge and information about project interventions.
- Support in planning and preparation of monthly, periodic, and annual reports and submission to the NRM Officer based in Lahan.

- Collect, document, and sharing of best practices and learning of the project.
- Work closely with project NRM Officer, Project manager, and other team members to plan and implement project activities.
- Perform any additional tasks of the project as assigned by Central/District FECOFUN

Qualification and Experience Requirements:

- i. At least I.Sc. in Forestry, Forestry Diploma in CTEVT, or similar fields.
- ii. At least two years of proven experience working in sustainable natural resource management at the CFUGs level.
- iii. Knowledge of gender equality and social inclusion
- iv. Excellent leadership and interpersonal communication skills
- v. Fluency in written and spoken Nepali and English
- vi. Know the concept of Community Forest, Forest Management practices, and FECOFUN
- vii. Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office and activity as well as program report preparation
- viii. Excellent facilitation and coordination skills to engage and encourage government officials, development workers, CFUGs, Implementing Partners (IPs), and other experts and involve them in the NRM program.
- ix. Willing to travel in the field and work in remote areas.

Applying Procedure:

- For the position advertised above, eligible and interested candidates should submit his/her **Application Letter** including **expected salary** for the position along with up-to-date Curriculum Vitae through FECOFUN official email given below by 15 December 2023.
Email: fecofun.secretariat@gmail.com
- Women, Indigenous People (IPs), and marginalized people from the project site will be given high priority.