

# **Agriculture Policy Consulting Plan for Developing Countries**

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) is implementing an ‘Agriculture Policy Consulting Program (KAPEX: Korea Agricultural Policy Experiences for Food Security) for developing countries which is sharing Korean 50 years of agriculture and rural community development experiences. This KAPEX project, which provides the Korean Agricultural Policy Experiences to developing countries started officially in 2013. The KAPEX is the consulting project for supporting agriculture and rural community development in developing countries as one of the projects of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs’ ODA (Official Development Assistance).

It is designed to support developing countries in improving their ability to promulgate and implement policies regarding agriculture and rural community development to ensure food security and self-implemented exit from poverty. The KAPEX is scheduled to conduct the customized policy consulting for selected developing countries based on Korea’s agriculture and rural community development experiences. Target countries for KAPEX in 2013 are Laos, Cambodia, and Ethiopia.

As the KAPEX’s official implementation agency, Korean Rural Economic Institute (KREI) has been in consultation with agriculture related government agencies in the above three countries since the end of last year to finalize its business programs. In order to disseminate the results of this program, a round-table format policy workshop will be held in Korea with local groups and government officials from both countries, experts, international organizations, and other involved parties actively participating.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs plans to hand over Korean agriculture and rural community development experiences to developing countries and aid agriculture development in developing countries through related ODA (Official Development Assistance) programs. For reference, ODA Budget Size of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is about 46.2 billion Won in 2013.

The Korean Rural Economic Institute, as an official ODA Knowledge Center in agricultural sector, has developed the agriculture related Korea ODA models (20 programs) which are likely to be successful. These are as follows: Rural Community Development; Food Crop Productivity Improvement; Agricultural Production Foundation Construction; Agricultural Product Distribution System Construction; Irrigation & Drainage System Development and Management; Agricultural Technique Development and On-site Support Systems; Farm Labor Training; Livestock Farming and Management; Agrarian System and Management; Agricultural Cooperatives; Mechanized Farming; Environmentally-Friendly Agriculture; Forest Revitalization; Forest Product Development; Specialized Farm Village Business Development; Livestock Pest Control Management, and others.

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