

## **Vacancy for Agripool assignment**

# **Cooperative Assessment Afren Kelo farmer's cooperative union Ethiopia**

Ref. no. ASM.18595

### Who are we looking for?

We are looking for expert who is able to do a cooperative assessment at a potato union in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. Do you have experience in cooperatives, organisational structures and member issues? Do you have experience in working in East-Africa?

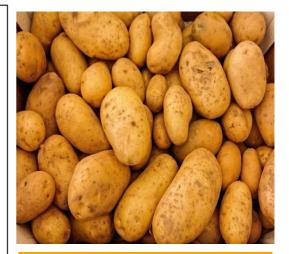
### We're looking for

Agriterra is looking for 1 cooperative / business expert who can help to assess Afren Kelo farmers cooperative union and analyse their business potential.

Afran kelo farmers' cooperative union is located in Haromaya town, of the Oromia regional state. The union was established by 48 motivated primary cooperatives on 5 April 2005 by mobilizing startup share capital of 546,747.02.

Currently the members of the union have grown to 161 and increased the total capital to 154.775.547,72 During establishment the union had 6.438 (F 362) individual members and now the members of the primary cooperatives increased the membership base to 55,437 (F 11,492).

Afran Kelo farmers' cooperative union started its operation in five woreda councils and currently expanded to ten woredas. The union understood the importance of running cooperative business from the start, created jobs for four staff in 2005 and reached 68 (F 16) staff at end of 2023. According to the manager and board members of the union more than 450 temporary job opportunities were created on a yearly basis.



Country Ethiopia Period From: 20 -29 April 2024 including travel days Deadline 3 April 2024 Number of experts we need: 1



#### The assignment

To identify potato business case with possible options of two phases of linking with potato processing companies so that the farmers will benefit and also access quality potato for their processing plant. The second objective will be investing in a potato processing plant where the source of capital investment will be from mobilised internal capitalisation and financial institutions.

To identify a clear business case, we are looking for an experienced Agripooler in the potato value chain, both on market linkage and value creation. Afren Kelo Farmers' Cooperative Union with business and development potential and to assess opportunities for a partnership in business development with Agriterra. At the end of the week, the Agriterra cooperative assessment team will evaluate the results, give recommendations, and depending on the outcome strive to develop a list of action plans with which services Agriterra can support and advise the Afren Kelo Farmers' Cooperative Union

- Duration of the assignment: The assignment will cover six (6) days of a physical visit to the Afren Kelo Union and its operational area (members), two days of travel, one day of preparation, and one day of reporting.
- Arrangements: Agriterra will schedule all meetings and prepare the programme for the assessment team including the logistics and accommodation.

#### **Profile of the Agripool expert**

	Profile
Knowledge	Knowledge of and affinity with the cooperative structure, governance, and procedures
Experience	Rich experience on potato value chain, marketing, value addition/ processing
Competences	Good communication, presentation, observational and analysis skills.
Language level	Business fluent in English both verbally and in writing.

#### Contact

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*Please note that as of 1-1-2024 the daily fee is no longer effective, all other expenses will still be covered.*