



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Vacancy Announcement for Consultant

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr ☐ 5yrs ☒ 12+yrs ☐

Job Title:	Consultant – Support to field programmes and capacity development on nutrition-sensitive agriculture		
Division/Department:	Nutrition Division (ESN)		
Programme/Project Number:	GCP/INT/130/EU		
Location:	Rome, with frequent field travel		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	June 2014	Duration:	10 months between June 2014 & May 2015

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Background

The “Improved Global Governance for Hunger Reduction” Programme (2012-2015), funded by the European Union (EUR 30,000), with additional resources provided by FAO (EUR 17,000), aims at better coordinated and informed food security and nutrition governance at global, regional and national levels. The programme is implemented by 12 different divisions across FAO, working at Global, Regional and Country levels, in collaboration with key stakeholders, namely IFAD and WFP, and coordinated by the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA). The impact is to be delivered through four mutually reinforced outcomes on: (i) informed and inclusive dialogue through the Committee for world Food Security (CFS); (ii) improved information systems for Food Security and Nutrition; (iii) improved policy guidance and processes in the framework of food security (namely on resilience, social protection, nutrition, food safety, land tenure and sustainable production intensification); and (iv) developing sustainable capacities of individuals and organizations to use analysis and implement these comprehensive policies and programmes. Nutrition is one of the priorities of this Programme: three outputs of the Programme on information systems (2.4), mapping and M&E (2.6), and policy/programme design and implementation (3.4) are led by the Nutrition Division (ESN), while nutrition is also a cross-cutting issue and mainstreamed across the other 14 outputs of the Programme (<http://www.foodsec.org/>).

The purpose of this consultation is to provide technical assistance to country and regional level work on agriculture-nutrition linkages, in particular in the context of the EU/FAO Improved Global Governance for Hunger Reduction (IGGHR). Technical assistance will focus primarily on Africa but will also include ad-hoc support to FAO nutrition activities in Asia. The consultant, under the supervision of the Senior Officer for Nutrition Policy and Programmes will work in close collaboration with ESN colleagues in HQ and Decentralized Offices, in particular, with the Senior Nutrition Officer for Africa in RAF, with the EU/FAO IGGHR coordination team, and other technical divisions involved in the EU/FAO IGGHR.

The consultant will carry out the following tasks:

1. Provide technical assistance to FAO Representations and nutrition officers working on mainstreaming nutrition agriculture in agriculture policies, programmes and investment plans, especially in countries supported by the EU/FAO Improved Global Governance for Hunger Reduction (Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Mali, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Niger; with punctual support to activities in Asian countries as needed). This includes collaboration with the ESN Nutrition Assessment Team on matters related to impact evaluation.
2. Monitor and report progress on nutrition activities carried out under the EU FAO programme output on “Improved processes for mainstreaming nutrition in food security and agriculture policies, programmes and investment plans” (output 3.4).
3. In close collaboration with RAF and ESA, capitalize on, and support follow-up, to the NEPAD CAADP Nutrition Capacity Development at regional and country levels. This entails:
 - a. participation in, and support to the CAADP Nutrition Task Force;

- b. technical assistance missions;
 - c. resource mobilisation at regional and country levels for follow-up activities;
 - d. sharing of knowledge, guidance and tools on agriculture-nutrition linkages with country teams.
4. Participate in EU/FAO IGGHR coordination mechanisms and relevant country teams, and support:
 - a. collaboration between ESN and other technical divisions involved in the EU/FAO IGGHR at global, regional and country levels (namely ESA, AGP, and TCI);
 - b. support to the coordination of IGGHR nutrition-related activities, through close collaboration with ESN colleagues working on outputs 2.4 and 2.6 and nutrition mainstreaming in the IGGHR programme.
 5. Support to the collaboration with the World Bank on agriculture-nutrition linkages including review of WB project appraisal documents and participation in technical back-stopping and formulation missions.
 6. Provide technical inputs in FAO capacity development and normative work on agriculture-nutrition linkages, including capitalization of good practices, contribution to training modules, and participation in training activities.
 7. Participation in, and support to, relevant internal FAO coordination mechanisms related to nutrition mainstreaming, in particular the SO1 delivery team on SUN/REACH/nutrition coordination.
 8. Support resource mobilisation for country, regional and global level work on agriculture-nutrition linkages.
 9. Any other relevant tasks.

Academic Qualifications

- University diploma (Master or PhD) related to food security and nutrition or development studies.

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- At least 5 years professional experience in development, in the field of food security and nutrition.
- At least 5 years experience with field project management related to agriculture, food security and nutrition.
- Good understanding of conceptual and operational linkages between agriculture, rural development, food security and nutrition.
- Good knowledge of the institutional frameworks and governance mechanisms for food security and nutrition at country level.
- Knowledge of FAO's approach to nutrition, in particular agriculture-nutrition linkages.
- Good communication, networking and advocacy skills.
- Project formulation and fund-raising skills.
- Good analytical and writing skills.
- Ability to work in a team.

Language requirements

- English: fluent oral and written.
- French: good oral and written.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
• Back-stopping mission reports, including reports on the progress of activity implementation (esp. for EU/FAO IGGHR output 3.4) and recommendations for ways forward.	<i>After each back-stopping mission</i>
• At least two concept notes for resource mobilization and/or contributions to project documents being formulated (at global, regional or country levels).	<i>Depends on opportunities for funds</i>
• Contribution to EU/FAO progress reports and work-planning.	<i>June 2014 and December 2014</i>
• Two consultancy progress reports.	<i>December 2014 and end of assignment</i>

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

The PPF along with a cover letter should be sent via email to: Charlotte.Dufour@fao.org

Please write as a subject: *Nutrition Consultancy application*

Deadline for applications: 11 May 2014

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.