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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Agricultural Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>FAO Office in South Sudan (FRSSD)</b>	DUTY STATION:	<b>Juba, South Sudan</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>12 months extendable subject to availability of funds</b>
		POST CODE/N <sup>o</sup> :	<b>N - Unidentified</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1H01</b>

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**Qualified femal applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged  
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.  
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

**The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization**

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### Organizational Setting

The post is located in the FAO Office in South Sudan in the Programme Unit.

**Main Purpose/contacts:** The Agricultural Officer will provide technical expertise and contribute to the technical design of the Land, Water and Agriculture (LWA) programme of FAO South Sudan and assist the Senior Programme Coordinator in delivering both humanitarian relief and implementing sustainable crop production intensification programmes.

The incumbent will address issues related to seed systems, innovative farm input delivery systems including agricultural tools and small equipment; Climate Smart and Conservation Agriculture, appropriate and sustainable field mechanization, post-harvest related issues, commodity markets and improving food security and nutrition. S/he will have contacts with staff at various levels across the Organization including Technical Divisions, FAO's decentralized offices, staff in national governments and with national, regional and international organizations.

**Supervision Received/Exercised:** The Agricultural Officer will work under the general direction of the Head of Office in South Sudan and under the direct supervision of the Senior Programme Coordinator of the Programme Unit of FAO South Sudan. S/he will provide technical guidance and supervise junior Professional Staff, Consultants and General Service staff assigned to the team. S/he will work closely with other team members in the Unit and the Food Security and Livelihood Cluster.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:** As a member of the Programme Unit, the Agricultural Officer will organize, plan and deliver specialist advice and technical support to enhance rapid and effective response to emerging crises in food security and develop a portfolio of projects with the focus on sustainable crop production; and monitor emergency and rehabilitation projects delivery in the field and use lessons learned and best practices to establish guidelines for effective programme delivery.

In support of these objectives, the incumbent will:

- Lead in Agriculture result based programme design and monitoring: Formulation of targeted strategies to respond to challenges and threats; assisting in formulating and implementing studies and projects; and supporting the sustainable crop production and farming-related emergency food security interventions;
- Analyze challenges and threats to food security and sustainable food production; and plan and oversee efficient/effective delivery of services to food security crises (early-warning response planning);
- Plan for and oversee the capacity development of vulnerable communities in resilience building and mitigation strategies;
- Cooperate to partnership and institutional linkages: Assist in partnership building with implementing agencies; maintain and engage in networks of collaboration amongst technical specialists of development partners – including national and international agricultural research organizations; Assist in / sharing information with the Food Security and Livelihood Cluster; make available information to partner organizations and work with sister UN organizations (WFP, UNEP, etc.) in establishing synergies in food security analysis and development.
- Support the Programme unit: Ensure synergies with the livestock and fisheries interventions and crop livestock systems issues and challenges related to climate change adaptation and mitigation; and manage the Programme Unit on key issues related to project performance and substantive matters;
- Prepare case studies, guidelines, reports, and presentations:
- Actively engage in visibility by working with the Communication's Expert and maintain awareness on issues and approaches relevant to seed and crop production systems;
- Lead the improvement of service delivery (input supply) and facility improvements by implementing partners and FAO's inbound procurement of necessary farm inputs;
- Perform other related duties as required

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advance University degree in Agronomy, Crop, Soil or Environmental Science, agricultural engineering, or related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in the planning and implementation of agriculture and farming systems programme, sustainable crop production intensification with emphasis on seed systems, land rehabilitation, soil biodiversity and climate change adaptation and mitigation, preferably at the international level.
- Working knowledge of English, and knowledge of other FAO official language

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge in sustainable crop production intensification and ecosystem management
- Demonstrated ability to identify, compile and analyze relevant technical information from a range of sources as the basis for summary reports and recommendations
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation, development and management of technical projects in post-conflict/conflict countries for both rehabilitation/development and humanitarian interventions
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing
- Extent of knowledge in and ability to cooperate with officials in national governments, intergovernmental organizations and other institutions and in collaborative networks and joint programmes
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team and in a multicultural environment in challenging conditions
- Extent of knowledge of UN humanitarian sector intervention and familiarity with the region
- Excellent communication, writing and presentation skills in English.

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

\* **The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments**

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**For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>**

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*This vacancy is open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates and applications from qualified candidates from non/under-represented member states are encouraged. Please note that **FAO** staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.*

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