Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 29 February 2012

POSITION TITLE:	**Technical Officer (Food Security Policy Capacity Building)**	**GRADE LEVEL:**	**P-4**
	Food Security Policy and Strategy Capacity Building Programme	**DUTY STATION:**	**Juba, South Sudan**
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	**Emergency Operations Service (TCEO)**	**DURATION:**	**One year (with possibility of extension subject to continuity of funds)**
	Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division (TCE)	**POST CODE/N°:**	**N**/Unidentified**
	Technical Cooperation Department (TC)	**CCOG CODE:**	**1A11**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Food Security Policy and Strategy Capacity Building Programme will be implemented in South Sudan and aims to improve food security policy, planning, programming and decision making in the selected states.

Under the general supervision of the Head of Office for South Sudan, Juba, and the Chief, Emergency Operations Service: Africa, Latin America and Caribbean (TCEO), the supervision of the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) and in consultation with the relevant FAO Technical Units, the incumbent will provide support in the implementation of the programme. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide technical support to the Food Security Council (FSC), Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS) and other targeted ministries in policy design, review, analysis, implementation, strategic planning or strategic plan formulation and report writing;
- support the Food Security Technical Secretariat to maintain and expand the network of stakeholders related to food, agriculture, natural resources, humanitarian assistance and be responsive to their needs;
- assist the relevant Food Security Council technical unit(s) to develop a capability to monitor trends in food security status and its determinants especially with respect to impacts on vulnerable groups;
- advise the national and State FSCs in the development horizontal and vertical operational and functional linkages including non-governmental actors in humanitarian assistance;
- facilitate strengthening or initiating of policy units or taskforces in the relevant ministries enabling them to become focal units for policy and strategic plan review and formulation;
- design and implement training and other capacity building activities for policy units/taskforces ensuring respective sector policies strategic plans are well understood and disseminated to all stakeholders;
- review selected food security related policy documents and Strategic Plans both at the central government and State level, and identify policy gaps and recommend revisions and amendments;
- advise the FSC and relevant ministries to produce/distribute policy briefs when necessary and facilitate regular briefing forums and coordination mechanisms within the FSC and the State FSC applicable in order to present findings, progress and constraints and work plans;
- represent the project to governmental and non-governmental groups as needed and agreed with the CTA;
- provide regular updates to the CTA and relevant programme team members on progress, priorities and constraints, verbally and in writing on an agreed frequency and assure the preparation of required reports as per the rules and regulations of FAO;
- perform other duties as required.

** APPOINTMENT/PROMOTION TO THIS POSITION IS TEMPORARY, WITH POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UP TO 29 FEBRUARY 2012 AND CANDIDATES WHO ALREADY APPLIED NEED NOT TO RE-APPLY AGAIN.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Agricultural Economics, Economics or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in capacity building support in food security analysis; planning, monitoring and assessing the impact of food security related policies and programmes as well as early warning, including provision of advice to governments in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and depth of knowledge and experience in designing and conducting relevant policy analyses and food security analysis and monitoring work
- Demonstrated ability to engage in capacity building processes and initiatives including on food security
- Demonstrated ability in liaising with government
- Breadth of management experience and demonstrated ability to manage multi-disciplinary teams
- Ability to plan, organize, implement and report on work
- Extent of experience in Africa, and familiarity of 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.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://icsc.un.org/

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:

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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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