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2011)

Position Title: Senior Cluster Coordinator Grade Level: P-5

DUTY STATION: Islamabad, Pakistan

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Emergency Operations Service: Asia, Near East,

DURATION *: Fixed term: 1 year (extendable)*

Europe and Special Emergencies (TCES)
Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division

Post Code/N°: 2003046

(TCE)

Technical Cooperation Department (TC) CCOG Code: 1S01

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of FAO's Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator, the general supervision of the FAO Representative in Pakistan, the incumbent will:

- facilitate active participation of key humanitarian partners from the agriculture sector in the Agriculture Cluster at the national level, and encourage their
 participation in any related provincial-level arrangements, respecting their respective mandates and programme priorities;
- coordinate the Agriculture Cluster at national level and, supporting partners at the national level, ensure the effective, efficient and timely operation of the Cluster:
- supervise and provide strategic direction and support to Provincial Agriculture Cluster Coordinators and District Level focal points;
- establish and maintain appropriate coordination mechanisms, including working groups at national/local level in coordination with all humanitarian partners
- encourage commitments from humanitarian partners in responding to needs and filling gaps, reflecting the complementarity of different cluster members;
- promote immediate response actions while considering the need for early recovery planning as well as prevention and risk reduction. Ensure adequate contingency planning and preparedness;
- in full consultation and close collaboration with the Rehabilitation and Humanitarian Policies Unit (TCER), explore with WFP and other NGO and government partners, the need for and, if appropriate identify possible options, timelines and modalities, integrating the Agriculture and Food Clusters into a single, co-led Food Security Cluster;
- develop, with WFP as lead agency of the Food Cluster and members of the Agriculture and Food clusters, a strategy for ensuring an integrated, coordinated and coherent approach for addressing short and medium-term food security needs;
- represent the interests of the agriculture cluster at national, provincial and district level in discussions with the Humanitarian Coordinator and other stakeholders on prioritization, resource mobilization and advocacy;
- ensure appropriate links with national and local authorities, state institutions, and local civil society, such that responses build on local capacities and appropriate coordination and information exchange mechanisms exist;
- promote the utilization of participatory and community based approaches in agriculture food security needs assessment, analysis, planning, monitoring and response;
- promote integration of agreed priority cross-cutting issues in needs assessment, analysis, planning, monitoring and response e.g. environment, gender and HIV/AIDS;
- ensure cross cluster coordination, information exchange and complementary response planning;
- · develop/update response strategies and action plans and ensure that these are adequately reflected in overall country strategies;
- ensure adequate monitoring mechanisms are in place to review impact and progress against implementation plans;
- act as Officer-in-Charge of the FAO Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordination Unit in Pakistan, as required;
- · perform other related duties as required.

*Appointment/promotion to this position is for duration of assignment only

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Economics, Social Sciences, Agriculture, Business Administration, Development Studies and/or Management
- Ten years of relevant experience related to emergency and/or food insecurity crisis situations, including sudden-onset disasters, complex emergencies and/or
 protracted crises which included at least five years experience working with UN funds, programmes or specialised agencies, NGOs, and/or Red Cross/Red
 Crescent Movement, donors etc.
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and extent of experience in emergency and/or food insecurity crisis situations
- Proven leadership, coordination and information management skills
- Demonstrated ability in consensual decision-making, and extent of experience in building partnerships
- Quality of written and oral presentation skills
- Demonstrated negotiation and interpersonal skills
- Depth of knowledge of international organizations, the UN System, NGOs and humanitarian donors
- Depth of understanding of current humanitarian architecture and issues, and approaches to coordination in crisis situations
- Knowledge of agriculture and food security responses in emergency situations, including understanding of core standards, principles and guidance

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

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: V.A TCES-611-10-PRJ

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