Position Title: Economist  Grade Level: P-3  
Duty Station: Rome  
Organization Unit: Investment Centre Division  
Technical Cooperation Department  
Duration: Fixed Term: 3 years  
Post Code/COG Code: C/1061674, 1E02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions and other development partners to achieve growth, poverty alleviation and food security.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI, and the direct supervision of the Service Chief of Latin America, the Caribbean, East Asia and the Pacific, and as member of a multidisciplinary team, to be responsible for financial and economic aspects of agricultural and rural development operations. In particular will

- advise in identification and preparation of investment projects and programmes;
- establish the feasibility of the proposals through studying market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analysis;
- evaluate performance of investment projects or programmes during implementation, and their impact after completion;
- review investment implications of agricultural and rural development policies and national plans and programmes for poverty alleviation and food security;
- provide implementation support to ongoing investment operations and assist in improving their performance;
- support development and implementation of capacity building activities to private and public stakeholders on project preparation, appraisal and other related topics;
- interact at working level with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries to facilitate exchange of critical information and validate the findings and recommendations regarding the investment proposals;
- conduct thematic studies related to investment operations in rural development;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, or a closely related field
- Five years of relevant working experience in the practical application of economic analysis to development issues, including in the identification and preparation of investment operations in agricultural and rural development in developing countries and/or countries in transition (a Ph.D. degree may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in multidisciplinary teams for formulating agricultural and rural development investment operations, including economic and financial analysis
- Extent and relevance of experience in implementation and impact assessment of investment operations
- Relevance of experience in capacity building and training activities in the field of investment operations in agricultural and rural development
- Extent of knowledge on leading and conducting studies and research on economic topics related to agricultural and rural development
- Experience in dealing at working level with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing
- Relevance of experience in East Asia and the Pacific, more specifically, China
- Working knowledge of Chinese will be an asset
- Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition.

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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