POSITION TITLE: Nutrition Officer

GRADE LEVEL: P-3

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

DURATION: Fixed term: 3 years

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Nutrition Security and Policy Group, AGNDP
Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, AGN
Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG

POST CODE/NO: C/0101885

CCOG CODE: 1H02b

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Director, AGN and the direct supervision of the Senior Officer, Nutrition Security and Policy Group, the incumbent will provide support to policies, programmes and activities aimed at improving food and nutrition security among vulnerable population groups. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Undertake analyses of and provide technical advice and information on the main constraints and opportunities for designing and implementing nutrition-sensitive development policies, strategies, programmes and interventions particularly in the food and agriculture-related sectors in support of relevant Strategic Objectives including in particular SO-H;
- Design and conduct studies to monitor and evaluate the impact of nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture-based approaches for improving diets and raising levels of nutrition;
- Provide technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing policies and national plans of action through preparation of technical documents, methods, guidelines and proposals for scaling up nutrition at country level; as well as the preparation for and follow up on the ICN+20, with particular attention to meeting the nutritional needs of the poorest and most malnourished populations;
- Provide support for strengthening inter-institutional collaboration and supporting global inter-sectoral mechanisms for scaling up nutrition including with partners including UNSCN, REACH, UCFA, SUN movement, and with regional bodies such as CADDP;
- Participate in the formulation and appraisal of field projects; assist in the recruitment and technical supervision of field staff, and provide technical backstopping to field projects when necessary;
- Develop training material, organize and participate in the conduct of training courses;
- Prepare draft technical documents and papers for discussion and/or publication;
- Develop and maintain contacts with counterparts in relevant organizations, institutions, knowledge networks and working groups, both inside and outside FAO, to improve communication, coordination and collaboration;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Human Nutrition or related discipline with relevant post-graduate studies
- Five years of relevant experience in applied nutrition programmes or community development
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in nutrition-sensitive policy, programmes and activities, especially involving participatory and gender-balanced approaches for improving food and nutrition security and experience in emergency relief and rehabilitation
- Extent of experience in organizing and coordinating meetings and training activities at national and regional level
- Depth of familiarity with results based management and project design techniques
- Demonstrated ability to analyze technical and scientific information
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills on technical issues and extent of language skills
- Demonstrated ability to plan and manage a heavy workload within tight deadlines, to work independently and under pressure
- Level of initiative, sense of responsibility, tact and discretion, and co-operativeness
- Level and relevance of academic qualifications

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

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