

Issued on: **12 September 2014**Deadline For Application: **10 October 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	Nutrition Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Multidisciplinary Team (SLMMD) Subregional Office for Mesoamerica (SLM)	DUTY STATION:	Panama City, Panama
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1102

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
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.

Organizational Setting

FAO's Subregional Office for Mesoamerica (SLM) is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed strategies for addressing subregional food, agriculture and rural development priorities. It develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions including Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). It assists the FAO Representations (FAORs) in the subregion with addressing subregional food security, agriculture and rural development issues at country level. The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC).

Reporting Lines

The Nutrition Officer reports to the Subregional Coordinator and works under the functional guidance of the Director, Nutrition Division (ESN).

Technical Focus

Contribute to the implementation of FAO's Nutrition Strategy, in particular by contributing to the development of normative tools and guidelines in line with FAO's strategic objectives, supporting capacity development activities, contributing to strategic planning and support to country programme development, as well as providing direct support to country-led policy making and programme implementation. This work will be undertaken in close collaboration with government counterparts, UN agencies and other development partners from public, research, civil society and private sectors.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates in internal committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise to international technical networks and technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of FAO's programmes of work, products, projects, and services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise.
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Sub-Regional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences.
- Supports capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries, through policy support, organizational development and individual learning and by the development of learning materials and related on-line tools.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Organization's overall approaches to resource mobilisation at global, regional, subregional and country levels.

Specific Functions

Supports the overall implementation of FAO's Nutrition Strategy, in particular:

- Provides technical advice to governments, regional organizations and development partners on nutrition, especially on nutrition-enhancing food and agricultural policies, strategies and programmes;
- Advocates the mainstreaming of nutrition in FAO's Regional initiatives and Country Programming Frameworks, as well as relevant regional and national programmes;
- Liaises with international organizations, relevant national bodies and networks (for example, SUN platforms and REACH), public and private sectors the donor community and NGOs in promoting nutrition-sensitive strategies and food-based approaches in national nutrition programmes;
- Promotes visibility of FAO's nutrition work by participating and acting as a resource person in regional and national

- meetings and workshops;
- Performs an active role in FAO's nutrition network, in particular, through bringing in relevant subregional and country perspectives.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in nutrition, economics, agriculture or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience working with developing countries in integrating nutrition objectives into food and agricultural policies and programmes
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent and relevance of experience in integrating nutrition into agricultural policies and programmes in developing countries
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge in producing capacity development modules and/or information products for the promotion and mainstreaming nutrition in food and agricultural policies and programmes at regional and country levels
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize resources for nutrition related activities
- Familiarity with FAO and FAO partner institutions would be an asset

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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