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Deadline For Application: 20 March 2014

POSITION TITLE:	PROGRAMME COORDINATOR	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRO INDUSTRIES DIVISION (AGS) Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG)	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 18 months
		POST CODE/N°:	
		CCOG CODE:	1.A.11

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

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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

FAO in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), is implementing the Purchase from Africans for Africa Programme (PAA Africa), with the aim to promote adapted local purchase initiatives for food assistance in five African countries. The FAO Programme Coordinator, the WFP Programme Coordinator and the FAO Programme Officer form together the Programme Coordination Unit (CU). The CU will have six main attributions to be ensured in consultation with intra and inter-agency stakeholders: a) to define the overall strategy and scope of the PAA Africa Programme; b) to represent the Programme and maintain related dialogue with key partners and stakeholders; c) to follow the progress of country project operations and where applicable providing support to country teams; d) to plan and execute international knowledge activities; e) to coordinate the Programme's international professionals, and f) to ensure that WFP and FAO management and concerned technical divisions are constantly appraised of Programme developments.

Under the overall technical supervision of the Director, Rural Infrastructure and Agro-industries Division (AGS), in close collaboration with the Resilience and Operations Team and the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) at the FAO Regional Office for Africa (RAF), with other concerned technical services as well as the Emergency and Rehabilitation Division, the Programme Coordinator will coordinate and provide advice in all matters related to the Programme's implementation also in close interaction with the WFP Coordinator and with the Government of Brazil (GoB).

In particular, the incumbent will:

- establish and facilitate proper flow of information between relevant FAO units and FAO country teams in the context of the Programme;
- liaise with the different programme partners, namely FAO decentralized offices, GoB, WFP, Department For International Development (DFID) and PAA Africa country teams;
- develop the overall strategy and scope of the Programme, and detailed work plan, through the articulation of its components and stakeholders, ensuring the maximization of contributions from the FAO Task Force, specifically the Lead Technical Unit (LTU) and LTO (AGS) and the Resilience and Operations Teams;
- ensure the Programme methodological coordination and lead all activities with focus on agricultural production and overall support to agricultural production for local institutional markets, mobilizing the required technical guidance and support from FAO concerned technical units;
- prepare progress reports to review and monitor the outputs and results of the Programme against agreed work plan, and identify constraints and issues that require timely resolution and corrective actions;
- provide technical support and advice to country teams for effective and efficient programme implementation, as appropriate;
- review technical analysis and the progress made in the implementation of the programme and lessons learned and make recommendations for improving the performance and the necessary adjustments;
- provide leadership in the organization of PAA Africa international knowledge sharing events and represent the Programme in international forums;
- participate in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in international relations or social sciences, food and nutrition security, international development or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the execution, management or evaluation of public rural development and food and nutrition security policies
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience of partnership with the Brazilian government and other UN agencies, in particular with WFP
- Experience in designing and negotiating international cooperation projects/programmes partners in a complex multi stakeholder's context in the field of food and nutrition security and local food purchases for food assistance
- Knowledge of the Brazilian food and nutrition security policy experience, specially the PAA Brazil, in the implementation and evaluation is desirable

- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing including the ability to write concise technical reports
- Working knowledge of Portuguese or French is desirable
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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

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For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

Send your application to:

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