Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **16 September 2012**

POSITION TITLE:	**Economist (Socio-Economist)** National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme (NFPCSP)	**GRADE LEVEL:**	**P3**
		DUTY STATION:	**Dhaka, Bangladesh**
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	**Agricultural Development Economics Division, Economic and Social Development Department**	**DURATION *:**	**12 months extendable**
		POST CODE/N°:	**Unidentified**
		CCOG CODE:	**1.E**

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative, the overall technical supervision of the Director, Agricultural Development Economics Division and the supervision of the Chief Technical Adviser and in close consultation with the other members of the Technical Assistance Team and the Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU), the incumbent will contribute to the timely and effective delivery of the National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme (NFPCSP, for more information visit www.nfpcsp.org). In particular, the incumbent will:

- carry out analytical and policy advisory work and specific research related to access to food, including safety nets and social protection, rural development and the related gender dimensions;
- assist in planning and delivering training courses for policy and planning officers of the FPMU and members of the inter-ministerial food security teams on issues related to food security, in particular in the field of safety nets and social protection, rural development, gender analysis, sampling survey methodologies, questionnaire design and statistical analyst of household-level data;
- provide on-the-job training, day-to-day guidance and support to analysis in the institutions supported by NFPCSP in carrying out their analytical tasks;
- identify and define food security related research needs and act as a catalyst for addressing these in collaboration with government analyst and research institutions contracted under the project;
- support government planning and monitoring of food security and poverty reduction policies, strategies and programmes and contribute to the assessment of their contributions to achieving relevant MDGs and national food security policy targets;
- contribute to monitoring and supporting the execution of research carried out by institutions and consultants contracted under the project related to food availability and access, including production and trade;
- contribute to the development of a food security information system and to related food security situation analyses and policy monitoring; and
- support programme planning, monitoring and implementation and reporting;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Economics, Development economics, Agricultural economics, Development studies, Rural development or other relevant field
- Five years of relevant experience in the fields of food security/poverty analysis, policy advice and research and capacity building (a Ph.D. may substitute two years of experience)
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in designing and conducting analyses related to access to food, including safety nets and social protection, rural development and the related gender dimensions;
- Extent of experience in capacity and institution building;
- Extent of knowledge and experience in the design and implementation of methodologies for designing, monitoring and evaluating policies and programmes concerning safety nets, social protection, rural development and the related gender dimensions;
- Extent of experience in developing food security information systems;
- Proven ability in working in teams, in a multicultural environment and under tight deadlines;
- Quality of written and oral communication skills in English;
- Extent of experience in working in developing countries.

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:

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