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Deadline For Application: 29 April 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Regional Emergency Officer (Agricultural Sector)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Emergency and Rehabilitation Division (TCE) Technical Cooperation Department (TC)	DUTY STATION:	Nairobi, Kenya
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 12 months (with possibility of extension subject to availability of funds)
		POST CODE/N°:	1076680
		CCOG CODE:	1H01b

**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

Under the functional supervision of the Director, Emergency and Rehabilitation Division (TCE) and the Sub-Regional Coordinator (SFE) the direct supervision of the Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator for Eastern and Central Africa, in close collaboration with the FAO Regional Representative in Accra as well as the Senior Operations Officers at FAO headquarters, and in consultation with the relevant technical divisions at FAO headquarters, the Regional Emergency Officer (Agricultural Sector) will be responsible for the development, expansion and management of FAO's emergency food security and agricultural relief programme at regional level. In particular, the incumbent will:

- advise the Regional Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator for Eastern and Central Africa on mainstreaming agricultural activities within TCE interventions in Eastern and Central Africa, including issues of regional concern such as the cassava multiplication of improved crop varieties (in particular cassava initiative), Dryland Farming Initiative, Conservation Farming Initiatives, HIV/AIDS, Land Tenure, Farmer and Pastoral Field Schools, and Internally Displaced Persons;
- provide technical advice for developing farming-related project proposals for the appeal processes in the respective countries;
- promote the diffusion of the Plan of Action at regional level;
- expand the Food Security and Nutrition Cluster's work at regional and country level;
- establish collaboration with partners and donors on emergency farming-related food security interventions; participate in relevant interagency meetings and provide support to the Regional Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) co-chaired by FAO;
- provide advice to address emergency crop production and protection issues in the area of assignment (Eastern and Central Africa) through identification of counterparts and entry points for farming-related activities in the field;
- monitor emergency and rehabilitation projects in the field and use the lessons learned and best practices to establish guidelines in collaboration with partners and counterparts for use and dissemination;
- evaluate and respond to requests for disaster relief and rehabilitation in consultation with other divisions in FAO and, if appropriate, with other organizations;
- analyse the requirements of the agricultural sector and related emergency restorative actions;
- perform other related duties as requested.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agriculture or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the planning and implementation of agriculture and farming systems programme, including elaboration of feasibility studies and relevant field work in developing countries
- Working knowledge of French and English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in participating in and eventually leading the formulation of agriculture and farming systems projects
- Knowledge of rural livelihoods in developing countries
- Demonstrated programming capacity and managerial skill particularly in challenging conditions
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, in French and English
- Extent of experience in working in different geographical contexts, and familiarity with the region
- Experience in working with governmental services, NGOs and other UN agencies would be considered an asset

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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