

**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°:FRSOM-22-14-PRJ**

Issued on: 31 March 2014

Deadline For Application: 21 April 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Food Security Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Somalia	DUTY STATION:	Hargeisa, Somalia
		DURATION *:	12 Months (with possibility of extension subject to continuity of funds)
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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 overall guidance of the Officer-in-Charge, FAO Somalia, the supervision of the Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) and the technical guidance of the Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA and the Nutrition Division, ESN the Food Security Officer will have the overall responsibility for food security and capacity building activities of the FSNAU projects in the field - ensuring appropriate levels of integration with the other FSNAU teams. In particular,, he/she will:

- Develop and support the implementation of annual work plans for FSNAU activities in the northwest regions of the country and update as necessary in consultation with the CTA and other section managers in support of the overall FSNAU work plan;
- Supervise and manage the FSNAU staff teams in the northwest regions of the country, while ensuring staff follow proper procedures, policies and standards;
- Evaluate the performance of the FSNAU staff under his/her responsibility using FAO/FSNAU guidelines;
- Act as the principal liaison person between the government authorities in Hargeisa and the FSNAU for the implementation of the capacity development programme;
- Liaise closely with the FAO Head of Office in Hargeisa, other UN agencies and NGOs on food security, nutrition and institutional capacity development activities;
- Ensure an effective working relationship with the government authorities in Hargeisa with the objective of government institutions assuming increasing responsibility for the analysis and reporting on the food security and nutrition situation in these areas;
- Identify, plan and coordinate the technical assistance requirements of the FSNAU programme in the northwest regions;
- Support strategic planning and policy development relating to food security and nutrition undertaken by the government authorities in Hargeisa;
- Represent the FSNAU in the northwest regions of the country;
- Oversee writing, revision and editing of technical and progress reports for the northwest regions for incorporation into FSNAU reports;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Agricultural Economics or in a related field
- Seven years of relevant work experience in food security analysis, including in Africa
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Proven skills and experience in food security and livelihoods analysis, particularly for pastoral livelihoods
- Familiarity with analytical methodologies and participatory techniques such as Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, Household Economy Approach, sample surveys, Participatory Rural Appraisal, Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches, macro-economic analysis, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences, Geographic Information Systems and remote sensing;
- Strong critical thinking and managerial experience in multicultural contexts;
- Good communication, writing and presentation skills;
- Extent of experience in African countries with protracted crisis, preferably in Somalia;
- Knowledge of another language of the Organization would be 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

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/>

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

Send your application to: V.A. FRSOM-
FAO Somalia
UN-Somalia Ngecha Road Complex
Corner Lower Kabete Road/ Ngecha Road
P.O. Box 30470 00-100 Nairobi-Kenya
Email: SO-HR-INT-VACANCIES@fao.org

Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT