



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **16 November 2015**

POSITION TITLE:	Animal Health Officer (Surveillance Coordinator)	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Animal Health Service, AGAH	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
	Animal Production and Health Division, AGA	DURATION :	12 months
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	POST NUMBER:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H01b

*The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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

Within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease Operations (ECTAD).

Reporting Lines

Position is under the overall technical supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal Health Service (AGAH); FAO headquarters, the operational supervision of the Team Leader; Early Warning and Support to Preparedness and Response, Emergency and Rehabilitation Division (TCE), the direct supervision of the Head of EMPRES, and in close collaboration with the ECTAD Regional Managers and Country Team Leaders

Technical Focus

Disease surveillance planning, coordination and interpretation of resultant data on a number of high impact zoonotic diseases.

Key Results

Comprehensive experience and background in disease surveillance planning, coordinating and interpreting resultant data to support the overall coordination of the surveillance programme on a number of high impact zoonotic diseases caused by avian influenza, ebola, filo and MERS corona viruses in line with FAO Strategic Objective 5.

Key Functions

Overall coordination of surveillance activities under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded Emerging Pandemic Threat-2 (EPT-2) Programme.

Specific Functions

- Organize and chair regular technical meetings among FAO country, regional and HQ staff, and other stakeholders to strengthen partnerships, and ensure synergy in approaches and methodologies of the surveillance activities related to high impact pathogens (e.g. avian influenza, filoviruses, MERS CoV, etc);
- Through the existing regional laboratory and epidemiology network platforms contribute to the organization of technical consultations among FAO and other partners to share project results and lessons learned, and to facilitate inter-regional and global data information sharing;
- Provide strategic and technical inputs to global and regional networks, including OFFLU and FAO Reference Centres, and act as focal point for the OFFLU Applied Epidemiology Group;
- Consolidate and disseminate official and other relevant information on surveillance strategies, diagnostic assays and other studies on EPT-2 priority pathogens to ECTAD regional and country units, linking with the OFFLU network, FAO Reference Centres and other sources of information;
- Contribute to the organization of country and inter-regional trainings to build harmonized capacity on risk assessment, pathogen detection, surveillance, disease preparedness, management and control;
- Coordinate and ensure collection of high quality data that include field epidemiological information, laboratory characterisation of pathogens, animal host susceptibility, and risk assessment including the risk of potential for human-animal transmission and spread of priority pathogens;
- Ensure that the field/laboratory/animal/human health/risk factor data on these pathogens are integrated, and stored in the EMPRES-i global database as a repository for data sharing and enhanced analysis;
- Coordinate joint risk assessments (animal health – public health) on zoonotic avian influenza with focal points in WHO and OIE and support national risk assessment activities;
- Coordinate and contribute to the development of guidelines and recommendations on priority pathogen related to detection, surveillance, management and control in collaboration with specialized international organizations;
- Provide technical support to FAO member countries through the ECTAD Regional and Country Units and undertaking missions and field visits as necessary;
- Prepare and update appropriate briefs, speeches, presentations, reports and public information material as necessary to

- enhance communication and visibility of the EPT-2 programme activities;
- Prepare project proposals and documents and contribute to AGAH's efforts to maximize funding through collaboration with donors, international and regional organizations, and national governments;
- Perform other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- University degree in veterinary science and supplemented relevant post-graduate degree from a recognized university
- Seven years of relevant experience in epidemiological analysis of high impact zoonotic and non-zoonotic diseases
- 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
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills in setting up and coordinating large scale livestock diseases surveillance programmes in Africa and Asia
- Proven organizational and coordination skills to interact with multi-disciplinary groups of technical experts from countries, and regional and international organizations
- Proven experience in organizing regional and inter-regional meetings
- Experience in providing appropriate training in epidemiology and risk assessment
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Excellent communication skills both oral and written, and proven ability to produce technical briefs, power point presentations and project documents
- Familiarity with UN or other agencies' field programmes
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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.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

TO APPLY

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

Send your PPF to:

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