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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Nutrition Officer</b> (Food Security and Policy)	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>FAO Representation, Malawi</b>	DUTY STATION:	<b>Lilongwe, Malawi</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: NTE 31 March 2015</b>
		POST CODE/N <sup>o</sup> :	<b>unidentified</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1102.b</b>

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**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**

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Under the direct supervision of the FAO Representative in Malawi and in close collaboration with the Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division (AGN), the Integrated Food Security Support Service (TCSF) and the Regional Nutrition Officer in Accra, the Nutrition Officer (Food Security and Policy) will work in close collaboration with the Government of Malawi (GOM) in support of the development and implementation of nutrition and food security policies and programmes.

The incumbent will be based at the FAO Representative's Office in Malawi. He/she will spend approximately a third each of his/her time working on the following three main aspects: 1) direct technical support to the Project's Outreach component implemented in Kasungu and Mzimba districts; 2) support to food security and nutrition policies and programme development in the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) and the Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) and 3) advocacy and support for food and nutrition security in the context of GOM, development partner's meetings, including the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide technical support to the Project's outreach component in Kasungu and Mzimba districts ensuring alignment and harmonization with national strategies and programs (i.e. Scaling-Up Nutrition, ASWAp, etc.) and facilitate feedback on processes and results from the outreach program to stimulate policy dialogue;
- Provide technical advice to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD), specifically the Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) in the integration of nutrition and food/dietary diversification objectives in the national agricultural extension program;
- Assist the DAES in the preparation of an annual work plan, prepare guidelines for the integration of nutrition into district extension plans and facilitate the preparation of a nutrition training package for agricultural extension staff. Assist the DAES in monitoring extension activities on nutrition and impact in all districts;
- Strengthen the incorporation of food and nutrition security goals and considerations in national sectoral policies and programs and monitor their assessment in terms of food security and nutrition impact in alignment with ASWAp and the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) Investment Plan;
- Provide technical advice to MoAIWD and DNHA in the development and implementation of the national Scaling-Up Nutrition (SUN) program with a specific focus on incorporating food-based approaches to reducing child stunting (viz. food and dietary diversification, young child nutrition, complementary feeding, food utilization and nutrition education, fortification and bio-fortification of foods, food processing, etc.);
- Advise on the development of a comprehensive capacity development strategy and program to strengthen professional capacities in nutrition/nutrition education in pre-service and in-service training. If necessary, mobilize financial support for the development and implementation of a capacity development program;
- Participate in national nutrition coordination, SUN program and donor's meeting with a view to advocating for and strengthening GOM's capacity to coordinate and increase the coherence of development partners' (Government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, private sector, donors, etc.) support to food and nutrition security;
- Actively participate in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) process with regard to mainstreaming food and nutrition security;
- Act as FAO Malawi focal point for food and nutrition security and inter-sectoral regional collaboration on food and nutrition security;
- Perform other related duties as required.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced degree in human nutrition, public health or other field closely related to food and nutrition security
- Seven years of relevant experience in food and nutrition security policy and programme development, including programme implementation experience

- Working knowledge of English

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of experience in integrated nutrition, livelihoods and food security interventions and community-based work in developing countries.
- Extent of experience in nutrition education and behaviour change approaches
- Extent of experience in programme development and implementation in the area of food and nutrition security
- Extent of knowledge and experience in development, implementation and delivery of nutrition education and training programmes
- Extent of knowledge of international initiatives aimed at reducing chronic undernutrition (SUN, REACH, etc.)
- Familiarity with the UN joint programming methodology
- Ability to work in a complex policy and programme environment under high pressure
- Excellent communications skills, both orally and in writing

*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***

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#### **TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants****

Send your application to:

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