



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Officer (Social and Economic Impact)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term:2 years
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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

The Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices in order to increase production in a sustainable manner in order to eradicate hunger while preserving the natural resources and environment for future use.

The post is located in the Pesticide Risk Reduction Team (AGPMC) one of six teams in the Division. AGPMC provides advice, technical support and guidance to countries aimed at improving pesticide life-cycle management in line with the International Code of Conduct for Pesticide Management (the Code). The team supports projects globally as a field programme related to practical implementation of the Code.

The post will support the implementation of the EC-FAO partnership project "Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as a model for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the former Soviet Union" (FAO Project GCP/RER/040/EC). The project operates in 12 countries of the region and covers the complete pesticide life-cycle with an emphasis on assessment of the Social and Economic dimension of pesticide use in the region.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer report to the Project Coordinator for project GCP/RER/040/EC.

Technical Focus

Social and economic impact assessment, with emphasis on vulnerable groups and communications.

Key Results

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Key Functions

- Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project / meeting services to support programme projects, products and services
- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems
- Updates databases and web pages
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

Specific Functions

- Development and implementation of surveys and studies which will facilitate the integration and mainstreaming of the social and economic dimensions of pesticide use in all activities of the project;
- Expanding the existing project partnership through developing links to NGO partners, private sector, academic institutions, UN Agencies and other development partners;
- Support the design and implementation of quality control processes aligned with FAO and EU established guidelines, procedures, and structures for communication;
- Manage the implementation of the project communications and visibility plan with emphasis on social and economic aspects at regional and national level;
- Coordinate annual Programme Technical Committee (PTC) and Steering Committee (SC) meetings.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Economics or related subject;
- Three years of relevant experience economic and social impact assessment to include one year experience in development and implementation of EU visibility plans;
- Working knowledge of English and Russian and limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic or Chinese an advantage.

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 in particular Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region is desirable;
- Extent of experience in the development, implementation and monitoring of work plans in complex partnership projects;
- Extent of experience in working with FAO technical and operations divisions, European Commission, National governments in the EECCA region and the United Nations system;
- Extent of experience in implementation of work related to policy, programme or research in social protection with an emphasis in youth employment and / or child labour;
- Extent of experience on development and implementation of communications and visibility materials.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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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HOW TO APPLY

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

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