



POSITION TITLE:	Project Coordinator (International Food and Nutrition Security and Right to Food Expert)	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO REPRESENTATION IN SIERRA LEONE	DUTY STATION:	Freetown, Sierra Leone
		DURATION *:	12 months with possible extension up to 3 years
		POST CODE/N ^o :	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1A11

**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**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the FAO Representative in Sierra Leone and the technical guidance of the LTU (Agricultural Development Economics Division, Economic and Social Development Department-ESA) and the Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security counterpart authorities/staff, other FAO personnel, and nutrition development partners (REACH and Nutrition Working Group coordinate the emerging food and nutrition security mechanism at central and district level, the incumbent will:

- provide advice on policy and strategy design processes related to food and nutrition security in collaboration with MAFFS, Ministry of Health and other relevant government partners, to ensure nutritional problems and the Right to Food are adequately addressed in national and sub-national policies, strategies and plans;
- contribute to a multi-pronged strategy to raise awareness and knowledge and improve skills and capacities to adopt healthy diets and promote the right to food;
- strengthen technical capacity of Government staff at all levels on nutrition and the right to food (collaboration with Njala University and Farmer Field Schools);
- facilitate the implementation of practical measures to improve nutritional status of individuals (field level). (e.g. school gardens, counselling on local recipes;
- advocate and promote nutrition and the right to food to provide guidance to similar developments in other countries, especially within the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS);
- manage the overall implementation of the project, provide advice to participating UN and Government counterpart agencies as appropriate, and ensure effective and timely execution through concerted efforts of UN agencies, government agencies and other related parties involved;
- perform other project tasks as may be required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in economics, agricultural economics, food and nutrition security or closely related field
- Seven years of experience in food and nutrition security analysis, policies and programmes, in rights-based approaches to development AND/OR in rights-based approaches to development and Right to Food AND/OR in capacity development for food and nutrition security
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in the analysis of food and nutrition security issues, and in the design, implementation and monitoring of related policies and programmes at national and sub-national level
- Extent of experience in analyzing the human rights dimension that can facilitate or hinder implementation of food and nutrition security activities
- Knowledge of food-based solutions to malnutrition
- Extent of experience in dialogue and negotiation with national governments, regional bodies and international organisations on food security policy matters
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams, with minimal supervision and to challenging timeframes
- Extent of experience on project management, including reporting and team management

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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