



POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Adviser	GRADE LEVEL:	P5
		DUTY STATION:	Kabul, Afghanistan
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation Afghanistan	DURATION *:	12 months (Not beyond the NTE of a Project)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	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**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Technical Advisor (Team Leader) will provide management support, technical advice and contribute to the technical design and delivery of the seed programme, liaise closely with key government officials in the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and senior members of other stakeholder institutions as official representative of the project and for improving public relations, and prepare and lead implementation of a detailed and prioritised plan of work plan for the project.

The Chief Technical Advisor (Team Leader) will work under the overall managerial and administrative supervision of the FAOR and the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Unit, Seed and Plant Genetic Resources Unit (AGPMG) The incumbent will work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) counterpart authorities/staff and other FAO personnel.

Main Duties And Responsibilities: As leader of the Team, the incumbent will lead, organize, plan and deliver the seed programme. In particular, the incumbent will:

- serve as project manager and monitor and manage the project against the log frame, provide a lead in donor relations, build the project team and mentor/strengthen the capacity of staff;
- make transfer arrangements for productive assets from all seed projects to relevant partners in public/private sectors for continued seed activities in the transition phase leading to a longer-term seed programme in Afghanistan fully managed and owned by MAIL;
- prepare organizational charts/structure of seed industry functions at central and provincial levels and develop a transfer plan for FAO employed staff to MAIL and relevant salary/remuneration scales;
- design appropriate "on-budget" (government) funding mechanism for channelling future European Union financial support to the seed sector including seed industry "on-budget" plan for the period for the period 2013-2015;
- coordinate capacity building of relevant public and private sector personnel in essential fields including seed production, seed processing, quality assurance, enterprise development, seed industry privatization/commercialization, etc;
- prepare project proposals and related documents, as required;
- prepare, monitoring and supervising terms of reference for national and international consultants;
- prepare project progress reports, technical and terminal report of the project;
- perform other duties, as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) in Seed Technology and Agricultural Economics or a related field with specialization in seed enterprise development, project management and agricultural marketing.
- Ten years of relevant experience in seed industry development and or project management
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge and relevant experience in plant production and seed sector development including the development of seed enterprises
- Extent of experience in developing countries, especially in Asia
- Extent and relevance of experience in leading the formulation, development and implementation of technical projects
- Extent of experience in and ability to negotiate and cooperate with senior officials in national governments, intergovernmental organizations, donor organizations and other institutions and in building collaborative networks and joint programmes
- Planning and organizational ability, including experience in preparing and managing intergovernmental meetings and workshops including training workshops
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and concisely 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

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