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Deadline For Application: 22 June 2012

POSITION TITLE:	SENIOR STATISTICIAN (Food security and social statistics)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics Division, ESS Economic and Social Development Department	DUTY STATION:	ROME
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	0094242
		CCOG CODE:	1M02

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 general supervision of the Director, ESS, the incumbent will lead a team tasked with planning and implementing a programme of work in support of Food Security and Social Statistics, including the periodic review and assessment of the world food situation as well as country assessments for the identification of food insecure population groups using available national information on food consumption and other relevant data. In particular, the incumbent will:

- lead all methodological and conceptual developments in the area of food security measurement; develop and maintain food security indicators and related statistical methodologies for the assessment of the food and nutrition situation, including prevalence of food deprivation for global and national food security monitoring;
- guide the process of annual updates of FAO food security assessments for the "State of Food Insecurity", lead updates of FAO maintained data and parameters and draft contributions for the publication;
- provide guidance in the development and management of the household survey analysis programme related to food consumption measurement;
- provide guidance to the development of sex-disaggregated food security indicators; serve as the ESS Division Gender Focal Point;
- participate in joint projects with other divisions in FAO, UN agencies, national food security authorities and recognized private institutions to develop additional indicators to be included in a suite of FAO endorsed indicators of food security;
- develop and maintain country-specific food security scorecards, identify appropriate indicators and develop aggregate food security metrics/scores;
- coordinate activities related to the preparation of estimates and projections of agricultural population and labour force as well as other demographic information, such as sex and age dimensions, ensuring consistency with estimates and projections made by the UN Population Division;
- promote the development of country capacity to produce and analyze food security statistics, including sex-disaggregated data; assess statistical capacity building needs and develop strategies to address these needs; formulate technical assistance projects in the field of food security and social statistics;
- coordinate and collaborate with senior officers of other FAO Divisions on matters relating to food and nutrition security and social statistics, for the preparation of reports or printed publications;
- liaise with senior officers from other UN and international agencies on food and nutrition security, in particular for the maintenance of the UN-MDG database and the production of the UN-MDG Reports;
- prepare technical articles, working papers, books and training materials and document best practices on food and nutrition security indicators and statistics;
- oversee the organization of workshops and meetings and represent FAO in international meetings;
- participate in the planning and management of the Division's work programme;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Statistics, Economics, Social Sciences or a related technical field
- Ten years of relevant experience in statistical analysis applied to economic and social studies, including food security assessments (a PhD may substitute for 2 years of work experience)
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other official languages of the Organization (French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic or Chinese)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting analytical studies and methodological research in food security and social statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in quantitative analyses of social and economic statistics, parameterization and estimation of econometric models
- Extent and relevance of experience in analysing household survey data, including for food security assessment purposes.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation of technical assistance projects, provision of technical support and preparation/implementation of training programmes in the field of food security and social statistics
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Extent of experience in leading and supervising multi-cultural teams and delivering a results-based programme of work

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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In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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