



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Statistician	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific RAP	DUTY STATION:	Bangkok, Thailand
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		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.**

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall managerial and administrative supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific and the technical direction of the Director, Statistics Division, the incumbent will be responsible for the development and dissemination of agricultural statistics in the Region. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts;
- advise on the organization and conduct of agricultural censuses, farm surveys and household surveys related to food and agriculture, including the use of appropriate methodologies and the training of national personnel as well as the dissemination of results;
- advise on the development and implementation of national programmes of food and agricultural statistics and on the organization of the administrative structures necessary to support these programmes;
- identify, formulate and technically backstop statistical field projects and participate in the selection, briefing and guidance of FAO field experts and the reviewing of technical reports;
- organize, coordinate and participate in meetings, seminars and training courses on Food and Agricultural Statistics;
- contribute to the organization and servicing of the biennial meetings of the Regional Commission on Agricultural Statistics (APCAS);
- promote co-operation and co-ordination between countries and facilitate the exchange of information and methodological experiences;
- review regularly FAOSTAT country data identifying missing official data and metadata and follow up on statistical questionnaires to improve response rates and the quality of the information;
- disseminate publications on FAO methodologies and manuals among main national stakeholders and promote the adoption of CountryStat amongst the countries of the Region;
- co-operate with UN country teams in the preparation of country reports related to the Millennium Development Goals and ensure the co-ordination of the Organization's work with that of other agencies;
- provide officers concerned at the Regional Office, inputs for region-wide annual and bi-annual exercise, work plans and other reports;
- perform other duties as required.

The French and Spanish translations will be published shortly

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Statistics, Economics or related subjects
- Ten years of relevant experience in agricultural statistics in national institutions and/or international organizations, including field experience in statistical surveys
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent of experience in the development, compilation and dissemination of agricultural statistics at the national or international level
- Extent of experience in organizing and conducting agricultural censuses, farm surveys or household surveys related to food and agriculture
- Extent of experience in formulating and coordinating the implementation of projects/programmes and in providing support to countries for technical assistance. Experience in implementing technical assistance projects in the Asia and Pacific Region would be an asset
- Ability to analyze complex statistical issues related to policy analyses and to contribute to policy reports and studies
- Excellent inter-personal skills and ability to liaise with high-level government officials
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to write technical documents clearly and concisely.

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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and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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