



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Statistician	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia	DUTY STATION:	Budapest, Hungary
	REU	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 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 confidentiality

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations 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 Europe and Central Asia, the supervision of the Senior Policy Officer, REU, and the technical direction of the Director, Statistics Division, ESS, the incumbent will be responsible for the development and dissemination of agricultural statistics in the Region. In particular, the incumbent will:

- 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; promote co-operation and co-ordination between countries and facilitate the exchange of information and methodological experiences;
- contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF);
- co-ordinate the regional implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics and assist in donor identification and liaison;
- improve country access to, and regional dissemination of, the FAOSTAT corporate statistical database; regularly review FAOSTAT identifying missing official data and metadata and follow up on statistical questionnaires to improve response rates and the quality of the information;
- prepare and disseminate the REU Statistical Yearbook; disseminate publications on FAO methodologies and manuals among main national stakeholders and promote the adoption of CountryStat amongst the countries of the Region;
- advise on the collection and dissemination of rural gender-disaggregated data as support for national evidence-based policy making;
- provide officers concerned at the Regional and sub-Regional offices, and units at Headquarters, with relevant inputs for region-wide planning and programming exercises, work plans and other reports;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Statistics, Economics or related subjects
- Seven years of relevant experience in agricultural statistics in national institutions and/or international organizations, including field experience in statistical surveys
- 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 development, compilation and analysis, validation as well as 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 co-ordinating implementation of projects/programmes and in providing support to countries for technical assistance.
- Experience in implementing technical assistance projects in the Europe and Central Asia Region would be an asset
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to write technical documents clearly and concisely. Limited knowledge of Russian would be an asset.
- Excellent inter-personal skills and ability to liaise with high level government officials
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications

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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