



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### Nutrition Consultant

Contract duration: up to 11 months (NTE 31 December 2015)

**Vacancy No. IRC2731**

**Deadline for Applications: 19 January 2015**

The Food and Agriculture Organization is a specialised agency of the United Nations whose mandate includes fighting hunger by helping developing countries to improve their food production, agriculture, fisheries and forestry. FAO has approximately 12,000 employees worldwide. More about FAO can be found at its website [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org).

FAO's Nutrition Division assists Member Countries to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition of the poorest and most nutritionally vulnerable. As a knowledge leader, the Division provides public goods in nutrition, including nutritional requirements, dietary assessment and food composition. It advises Member Nations on nutrition sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes, strengthens their capacity to develop and implement effective nutrition promotion programmes, and monitoring and evaluation to act effectively to improve nutrition.

Within the Nutrition Division, the Nutrition Assessment and Scientific Advice group is responsible for improving nutrition assessment tools, developing countries' capacities to collect data and works to develop a global web-based platform providing free access to country-specific nutrition information based on food consumption.

#### Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the guidance and supervision of the Senior Nutrition Officer and Group Leader of the Nutrition Assessment and Scientific Advice Group (ESNNA), Nutrition Division (ESN) of FAO, Rome, the consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Co-ordinate technical activities for the EU-FAO project: ("Improved Global Governance for Hunger reduction" – Output 2.4), hereafter called EU-FAO project
- Draft work-plans, yearly progress reports, mid-term report, back to office reports related to the EU-FAO project (ensure report submissions are timely and within deadlines, upload outputs and reports of the EU-FAO project to the project official website on a regular basis, etc.)
- Attend EU-FAO working group project update meetings and to present and report project updates
- Co-ordinate national consultants and interns working on various aspects of the EU-FAO project
- Organize and help deliver capacity development training workshops on dietary assessment including Dietary Diversity Score (DDS)
- Liaise and cooperate with colleagues in ESNNA, ESN, and the focal points of the EU-FAO project working group and the EU-FAO project Secretariat to ensure better communication and smooth running of the project
- Contribute to the revision of the FAO Household Dietary Diversity Guidelines
- Explore opportunities of intra and inter divisional collaboration on dietary assessment
- Draft project proposals when requested
- Participate in technical field missions as requested by the Senior Nutrition officer
- Undertake other duties as directed by the Senior Nutrition officer

#### Qualifications and experience:

##### Academic qualifications:

- The candidate should have a strong scientific background, with a university degree in human nutrition, dietetics or a closely related field; an additional asset would be a PhD degree with specialization in public health nutrition.

##### Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- Experience in project implementation and co-ordination in population-based nutrition.
- Demonstrated evidence in writing technical reports and scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals.
- Experience in designing capacity development modules and conducting surveys on dietary assessment in developing countries.
- Strong organization and time management skills.
- Previous working experience in international organizations and in developing countries would be desirable.
- Familiarity with FAO's work, organization and procedures would be desirable.
- Excellent working knowledge of oral and written English. Limited knowledge of French or Spanish would also be desirable.

#### Additional Information

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

All candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

## **How to apply**

All applications are to be made through FAO's **iRecruitment** system. Click on the link below to access **iRecruitment**, complete your online profile and apply for this Call for Expression of Interest.

<http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-access/en/>

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of your iRecruitment account are completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)