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Deadline For Application: 30 September 2015

POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Early Warning – Early Action)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) Economics and Social Development Department (ES)	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION*:	Fixed-Term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		POST NUMBER:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1S02

* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

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 activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

FAO has a clear mandate for, and comparative advantage in, supporting early warning and early action to protect food security and agriculture. As part of FAO's overall goal of ending hunger and poverty, Strategic Objective (SO) 5 aims to increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises. Under this objective three Organizational Outcomes prioritize FAO's role in early warning; prevention and mitigation; and preparedness and response. FAO already supports or directly manages a range of early warning systems at global, regional and national levels which are key to resilience programming and has a substantial portfolio of work in supporting nationally led response and, where necessary, directly manages humanitarian and resilience interventions in this sector.

To strengthen the linkage between Early Warning and Early Action, FAO is currently implementing an Early Warning - Early Action (EWEA) initiative over three years (2015 – 2018) with the aim to coordinate and harmonize early warning messages and to link them to accountable decision making processes, with an appropriate and predictable financing mechanism to support early action interventions.

Reporting lines

The Technical Officer reports to the senior Programme Officer (Early Warning – Early Action).

Technical Focus

Support the planning, development and implementation of FAO's Early Warning – Early Action (EWEA) system at global and country level and coordination of project monitoring and evaluation activities.

Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key Functions

- Develops a system which overlays early warning information with vulnerability data and coping capacities of populations in order to project a caseload of potentially affected people;
- Coordinates the establishment of an integrated, corporate early warning monitoring system, with clear protocols and responsibilities at country, regional and headquarters level;
- Identifies and analyses global indicators and triggers for specific risks and develop an indicator/trigger repository;
- Drafts guidelines for country offices how to develop country-specific indicators and triggers;
- Supports discussions and coordinates with other internal and external stakeholders working on EWEA and resilience building, ensuring linkages and complementarities, inter alia, with FAO's work on preparedness planning and disaster risk profiling;
- Develops training materials for regional roll-out workshops and co-facilitate workshops;
- Supports the development of a suite of appropriate early action interventions for specific risks based on the triggers identified;
- Supports the development of a EWEA accountability system within FAO;
- Supports the development and implementation of the EWEA system in 5 pilot countries;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, management, international relations, public administration, social sciences or other field relevant to food security and/or early warning early action; a first-level university degree (Bachelor) may be accepted with two (2) additional years of relevant experience
- Five (5) years of relevant experience in early warning, vulnerability/resilience analysis, emergency preparedness planning, disaster risk management, food security analysis and/or project management
- Working knowledge (Level C) of English and limited knowledge (Level B) of French and/or Spanish

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in both early warning and vulnerability/resilience analysis
- Sound understanding of the concept of indicator and trigger development
- Demonstrated knowledge in developing training materials and facilitating training workshops
- Ability to coordinate and liaise between colleagues from different technical and operations areas across various levels of an organisation (global, regional, country level)
- Project management experience and training is considered an asset

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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