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POSITION TITLE:	Statistician	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics Division, ESS Economic and Social Development Department – (ES)	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	0403547
		CCOG CODE:	1.M.02

* 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.

Organizational Setting

The Statistics Division (ESS) develops, and advocates for the implementation of methodologies and standards for data collection, validation, processing and analysis of food and agriculture statistics. In these statistical domains, it also plays a vital role in the compilation, processing and dissemination of internationally comparable data, and provides essential capacity building support to member countries. In addition, the Division disseminates many publications, working papers and statistical yearbooks, that cover agricultural and food security relevant statistics (including prices, investments, production, trade and agri-environmental statistical data).

The Food and Nutrition Security Statistics Team is responsible for developing and compiling a harmonized suite of food security and nutrition indicators; for processing available microdata from household surveys; and for providing capacity development and technical assistance to member countries for the production of globally recognized, valid and reliable food security and nutrition indicators, in support of national and international development monitoring frameworks.

The post is located in Rome

Reporting Lines

Under the general supervision of the Director ESS, the Statistician reports to the Team Leader of the Food and Nutrition Security Statistics Team, ESS.

Technical Focus

Implementation of the Division's programme in the field of statistical methodologies for improving national systems of food and agricultural statistics, with particular emphasis on methods, standards and tools for the collection, validation, analysis and dissemination of food and nutrition security statistics..

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates on Division/Departmental teams, participates on Organization-wide committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise.
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Sub-Regional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as the development of related materials and on-line tools and information kits.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with Corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Ensures the development and timely updates of methods, standards, tools, norms and classifications used in the production of food and nutrition security statistics;
- Contributes to develop and compile a harmonized suite of food and nutrition security indicators;

- Contributes to processing available microdata from household surveys;
- Contributes to the design, testing and application of capacity development initiatives in the area of food security and nutrition statistics;
- Contributes to the design and deployment of technical assistance in support to countries for the establishment of food security and nutrition information systems at country level, that are consistent with FAO and other international statistical standards.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in statistics, sociology, economics, nutrition or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the compilation and analysis of food security and/or nutrition statistics in national or international organizations
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

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 knowledge and experience in statistical methods and data sources used for the compilation of food security and nutrition statistics
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in using statistical software.
- Extent and relevance of experience in designing, planning and managing statistical capacity development activities in assigned areas of responsibility.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in the field of food security and nutrition policy analysis.
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports/documents in English is 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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