**Animal Health Officer (Response Coordinator)**

**Organizational Unit:** Animal Health Service, AGA, Animal Production and Health Division, AGA, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG

**Position Title:** Animal Health Officer (Response Coordinator)

**Grade Level:** P-4

**Duty Station:** Rome, Italy

**Duration:** 12 months with possibility of extension

**Post Number:** unidentified

**CCOG Code:** 1108

**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**

Within the Crisis Management Centre-Animal Health (CMC-AH) and the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease Operations (ECTAD).

**Reporting Lines**

The position is under the general technical guidance of the FAO Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) of the Animal Health Service (AGAH), the general supervision of the Head of Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES), with the direct supervision of the Crisis Management Centre-Animal Health (CMC-AH) Manager and under the operational responsibility of the Liaison and Operations Officer (TCE).

**Technical Focus**

Technical focal point between the Animal Health Service (AGAH) of FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Government of Japan on transboundary animal diseases (TADs) issues, maintaining regular communication on project activities and future funding.

**Key Results**

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to assist countries in preventing, responding to, controlling and eradicating Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) by way of providing rapid response missions and disease intelligence gathering through the CMC-AH platform of FAO and OIE and by implementing post-rinderpest eradication activities to reduce the possible use of rinderpest virus (RPV) for bioterrorism in accordance with FAO Strategic Objective 5.

**Key Functions**

- coordinate and provide rapid surge and response assistance in combating TADs on a global scale, with priority for Asian countries and specifically maintaining the global freedom of rinderpest by assuring the national governments of providing vaccines in case of re-emergence of the disease, which thereby facilitates the destruction and sequestration of Rinderpest virus (RPV) containing materials.
- act as liaison person with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Government of Japan on transboundary animal diseases (TADs) issues, maintaining regular communication on project activities and future funding;
- plan and coordinate disease outbreak, emergency response and rapid response team activities and missions upon request;
- define objectives and terms of reference for CMC-AH mission members;
- dispatch rapid deployment team (RDTs), with technical staff and mission operations support;
- ensure appropriate briefing/debriefing of mission members;
- ensure support to and communication with mission members;
- ensure appropriate documentation of missions (mission reports, recommendations);
- ensure post-mission follow-up actions and support proposal development and other implementation of recommendations;
- reduce the possible inappropriate use of rinderpest virus (RPV) and establishment of a RPV holding facility in Japan;
- advocate compliance with virus destruction and sequestration requirements for countries in Asia and elsewhere as requested by FAO and OIE managers;
- assist in strengthening capabilities of National Institute of Animal Health, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NIAH, NARO), Japan, in achieving robust quality vaccine production and management system for building a rinderpest vaccine reserve in Asia.
- make recommendations for improving all levels of response including but not limited to enhancements to training, equipment, organization and operations;
- coordinate and/or facilitate trainings, workshops and meetings;
- provide technical clearance for inputs, reports, procurement related to project activities, including those in Japanese and/or English;
- perform any other duties as required.
CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in veterinary science and an advanced university degree from a recognised university;
- Seven years of relevant experience in animal health, infectious disease management, including regulatory aspects, standard setting, trade and policies;
- 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.
- Knowledge of laws and regulations regarding emergency services, disaster response, recovery, and mitigation; planning, development, implementation, and assessment of emergency management programs and response strategies relative to animal disease emergencies programmes in Asia.
- Ability to coordinate various emergency preparedness and response activities across organizational lines
- Work under considerable pressure and stress in emergency situations; identify and recommend appropriate solutions to problems;
- Promote, establish, and maintain effective working relations with others;
- Familiarity with UN or other agencies field programmes.

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.
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