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| POSITION TITLE: | Economist (Quantitative Food Policy and Nutrition Analysis) | GRADE LEVEL: | P-3 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA | DUTY STATION: | Rome, Italy |
| | Economic and Social Development Department, ES | DURATION *: | Fixed-term: 2 years |
| | | POST NUMBER: | 0096431 |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1L09 |

* 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 Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) conducts economic research and policy analysis related to all five of the Organization's strategic objectives (food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods); ESA provides evidence-based analytical support to national, regional and global policy processes and initiatives related to food security and sustainable agriculture; and leads the production of FAO flagship publication: *The State of Food and Agriculture*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture, agribusiness development, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

The post is located in the Food Security Analysis and Policies Team.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to Team Leader, the Food Security Analysis and Policies Team.

Technical Focus

This position will join a corporate programme of work in quantitative policy analysis and evidence-based policy support, to help shape and implement FAO's Strategic Framework with an emphasis on poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, and sustainable agriculture and food systems. The analytical work relies on combining advanced quantitative data analysis tools, using primary and secondary sources of data including in the context of rigorous impact evaluations, to provide insights into how agricultural development and food policy interventions can contribute to addressing all forms of malnutrition, accelerating rural poverty reduction, and developing sustainable agriculture and food systems. The programme of work is predicated on strategic partnerships with development agencies, donors and national governments.

Key Results

Research and analysis of information, data and statistics, and the maintenance and updating of related tools, methodologies, and/or databases to support the delivery of programme products, projects, publications, and services

Key Functions

- Researches and analyses [agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related] data, statistics and information to provide technical, statistical and/or policy related information and analysis to support the delivery of economic and social development programmes work, products, projects, publications and services.
- Produces a variety of technical reports and input for technical documents, Departmental publications and/or web pages.
- Provides technical, statistical, and/or analytical services on various studies, projects, and/or assessments and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Participates in the development of improved/updated technical, statistical and/or analytical tools, methodologies, systems, databases, and/or key social/ economic/ environmental/ nutritional and/or early warning indicators, etc.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving the planning and organizing of training workshops, seminars, and major meetings and the preparation of related information, materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities.

Specific Functions

- Contributes to a programme of work in quantitative policy analysis and evidence-based policy support geared towards poverty reduction, food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture and rural livelihoods;

- Provides expertise in the use of advanced quantitative analytical tools, including in the context of rigorous impact evaluations;
- Provides backstopping support to field projects related to agriculture, food security and nutrition and/or impact evaluation techniques;
- Contributes to the management and work of the ESA division as a whole, ensuring that the quantitative policy analysis work is well integrated with other Divisional economic research and policy analysis, as well as with the renewed FAO Strategic Framework.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in combining household level economic and quantitative analysis with policy engagement in food and agricultural issues (indicatively: poverty, food security and nutrition, social protection and agricultural economics)
- 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 experience in quantitative policy analysis of food and agricultural development issues (indicatively: poverty, food security and nutrition, social protection and agricultural economics)
- Extent and relevance of experience in combining knowledge generation with policy engagement in food and agricultural development issues
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications (PhD or equivalent degree will count for two years of professional experience)
- Extent of knowledge and/or experience with rigorous impact evaluation methods
- Extent and relevance of publications record.

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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