



**Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations**

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

National Epidemiologist

Emergency Centre for Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD)
FAO Representation in Ethiopia
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Contract duration: 6 months with possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds

Vacancy No. IRC3279

Deadline for Applications: 01 April 2016

Tasks and responsibilities:

Within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease Operations (ECTAD), under the overall supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO)/Chief, Animal Health Service (AGAH)/, the functional and administrative supervision of the FAO Representative in Ethiopia (FAOR), the direct supervision of the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Ethiopia Senior Technical Coordinator, in collaboration with the ECTAD regional team for East Africa and the ECTAD Ethiopia team, the incumbent will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

- Contribute to the preparation of country strategies and programme for the management of high impact emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and non-zoonotic disease in line with the national priorities and FAO's Strategic Objectives
- Participate in and support the design and implementation of national strategies and programmes/projects following EMPRES/ECTAD strategies, in line with the FAO/ OIE Global Framework for the Progressive Control of TADs and Regional priorities
- Support the design, coordination and implementation of surveillance activities relevant to emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and non-zoonotic diseases at the livestock-wildlife-human interface to mitigate the high (current/potential) impact of diseases in Ethiopia. These include:
 - Supporting appropriate stakeholder workshops and facilitate discussion and development of a surveillance approach that addresses national and regional priority diseases to target through a surveillance program
 - Support the drafting of a concept note, LOA, preparation and implementation of national surveillance plan for Ebola and other filoviruses in livestock
 - Contribute to development and the implementation of surveillance protocols (epidemiological sampling) from livestock in targeted livestock farming systems, value chains and at domestic animals-wildlife interfaces
 - Plan, organize and implement capacity development of in-service professionals through the use of field epidemiology training and participatory epidemiology approaches targeting veterinarians, animal health technicians, community animal health workers, farmers, and where appropriate, public health or other stakeholders/partners
 - Conduct risk assessments at the human/livestock/wildlife interface and Supervise in-country expert missions on epidemio-surveillance to ensure that high quality samples are collected.
- Organize stakeholders meetings and lead the process for the development of animal health and related policy instruments in Ethiopia
- In close consultation with relevant sectors and stakeholders, initiate a national zoonotic disease control program to serve as an entry point for a functional inter-sectoral One Health collaboration

- Facilitate closer linkages of the EPT-2 program with relevant Ministries and other technical partners
- Provide regular updates of TADs epidemiology situation in the country, bi-weekly project activity updates, and prepare draft web articles on technical accomplishments as needed
- Establish a functional national epidemiology and laboratory network
- Participate in animal health emergency preparedness and contingency planning exercises, or table top scenarios
- Assist in the organization of planned training workshops, simulation exercise and technical meetings
- Provide immediate notification to GLEWS and the Country Team Leader, of any significant epidemiological events
- Contribute to epidemiological intelligence at National and Regional levels
- Contribute to the preparation of regular reports on the progress of the implementation of projects implemented by ECTAD Ethiopia, for FAO, donors or other stakeholders
- Submit a final technical report upon completion of the assignment to the ECTAD Senior Technical Coordinator in Ethiopia and the FAOR
- Perform other related duties as required.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University Degree (MSc) in Veterinary Medicine, Epidemiology or related fields;
- Minimum of seven years of professional experience in Animal Health activities;
- Excellent English skills (writing and speaking) and excellent knowledge of the most widely used local language

Selection criteria

- Candidates should be nationals of Ethiopia
- Extent and relevance of experience in animal health activities
- Extent of knowledge in veterinary epidemiology (surveys, tools and investigations) of tropical livestock diseases
- Extent of knowledge of the main aspects of prevention and control of high impact emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and non-zoonotic disease
- Extent and relevance of experience in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of surveillance networks of animal diseases
- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting risk assessment and or analysis
- Technical report writing skills
- Systematic document review and analysis skill
- Structuring and drafting skills to make information accessible and meaningful to expected users

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

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