



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

National MERS-CoV Project Coordinator

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. **IRC3295**

Deadline for Applications: 06 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, the direct supervision of the ECTAD Senior Technical Coordinator in Ethiopia, in collaboration with the ECTAD Regional Team for East Africa, and the ECTAD Ethiopia team, the incumbent will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

- Coordinate and oversee the implementation of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-COV) project activities
- Organize a stakeholders workshop for the development of project detailed implementation plan
- Conduct camel value chain studies and identify nodes critical risks to inform surveillance
- Design and implement cross-sectional surveillance plan in targeted species and localities
- MERS-CoV laboratory diagnostic protocols and Standard operation Procedures (SOPs) developed (in conjunction with ECTAD lab expert)
- Based on the outcomes of the cross-sectional study, design and implement a longitudinal MERS-CoV surveillance
- Coordinate all project activities with relevant national and USAID EPT-2 implementing partners
- In close consultation with beneficiary organizations, prepare list and specifications of items for procurement
- In collaboration with partner organizations, develop and implement capacity strengthening activities in MERS-CoV laboratory diagnosis and epidemio-surveillance
- Ensure coordination and synergy with other animal health projects and EPT-2 components
- Develop and implement an effective project monitoring plan
- Submit progress and final reports highlighting the results obtained, challenges encountered and measures taken to overcome it 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 Sciences, Laboratory Diagnostic Techniques or closely related field
- Minimum of seven years relevant professional experience in Animal Health Management or closely related field
- 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 of experience in project implementation and management
- Extent and relevance of experience in camel disease and related fields
- Experience in Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs) and trans-boundary animal disease (TADs) detection and control as well as community awareness creation activities
- Knowledge of the UN system in general and FAO's system in particular
- English language skill (written and spoken) and ability in scientific report writing

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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