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Deadline For Application: 3 May 2016

POSITION TITLE:	Policy Officer (Food Security and Nutrition, FIRST Programme)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO REPRESENTATION IN MYANMAR	DUTY STATION:	Myanmar
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: One year (with possibility of extension)
		POST NUMBER:	
		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.

*** This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC3259. Applicants who applied to VA IRC3259 must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.**

Organizational Setting

The main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST) is a FAO and European Union partnership programme with the purpose of providing a policy assistance mechanism for improved food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture. FIRST is designed to strengthen the enabling environment for food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture in a number of selected priority countries. FIRST will be embedded within the FAO's programme management and coordination structure. It will contribute directly to the food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture policy and governance related results envisioned under FAO Strategic Objectives 1 and 2.

The Food Security and Nutrition Policy Officer works under the overall technical guidance of FIRST Senior Technical Adviser (FAO/Rome) and works in close collaboration with the EU Delegation and relevant government ministries/institutions. He/she will also coordinate and work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Health and with ministries and institutions in charge of sustainable agriculture and of food and nutrition security as well as with key development partners in particular the Livelihood and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT).

Reporting Lines

The Food Security and Nutrition Policy Officer reports to the FAO Representative and on technical issues to FIRST Senior Technical Adviser (FAO/Rome).

Technical Focus

Provide leadership, guidance and operational support for results-based policy assistance, capacity development and facilitate policy dialogue around food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture. Strengthen the enabling environment for food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture in Myanmar with a particular focus on:

- Promoting multi-sectoral and inter-governmental dialogue and coordination to develop and implement an agreed agenda and work plan linking sustainable agriculture with food security and nutrition;
- Strengthening national and county governments' capacities to develop and implement policies, legislation, programmes and investments related to agriculture, food security and nutrition in Myanmar;
- Build strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders at national, regional and global level and support donors' coordination and alignment to national and county level priorities.

Key Results

Development and implementation of coherent, integrated and effective policy assistance and governance work supporting member states at country level.

Key Functions

- Provides policy assistance to the government on the most effective policies and programmes related to Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA);
- Strengthens the capacity of the government to design and implement FNSSA related policies and programme;
- Supports the establishment of a multi sectoral coordination structure in order to provide leadership for decision making on the implementation of county and national policies which relate to food security and nutrition;

- Leads a stock taking exercise of existing studies on related policy and conducts needs assessment exercise, analyses existing policies, identifies any knowledge/analysis gap, undertakes studies serving this purpose;
- Provides technical and policy advice and support to Government in the development and implementation of their policies and programmes in ways that will accelerate and maximize their impact on FNSSA;
- Prepares reports to FAO, European Union and Government on progress achieved and issues related to FIRST implementation;
- Participates at relevant international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develop and negotiate effective working;
- Seeks to maximize opportunities of collaboration and synergy with other development partners' programme, in particular other EU funded interventions such as LIFT the Myanmar Climate Change Alliance, the EU Policy Dialogue Facility and relevant regional programmes;
- Leads and/or participate in resource mobilization activities;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, food security and nutrition and/or sustainable agriculture, development economics, or related area
- Seven years of relevant experience in policy analysis and advice related to food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture policy
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other FAO languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Strong Communications Skills
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or areas of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing policy assistance and technical guidance in the context of a food security, nutrition and/or sustainable agriculture programmes
- Extent and relevance of experience in facilitating policy dialogue and capacity development around food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture among a wide variety of stakeholders
- Extent and relevance of experience in resource mobilization

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.
- 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 carefully your online profile (PPF). 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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