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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Nutritionist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO REPRESENTATION	DUTY STATION:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
		DURATION*:	Fixed-term: 1 year (with the possibility of extension)
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1102

* 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

FAO Bangladesh assists the Government to develop policies, programmes and projects to address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition; to help the Government develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors and to use the environmental and natural resources in a suitable way. It participates in the development of FAO's field projects in the country and implements them in the sectors of food security, agriculture and rural development.

Meeting the Undernutrition Challenge (MUCH) builds on the success of the National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme and strengthen capacities of the Government and stakeholders for the development, implementation and monitoring of cross-sectoral policy frameworks and investment plans, human resources and organizational development, resource allocation and utilization, effective policy dialogue and advocacy, and assessment and monitoring of food security trends.

The post is located in the FAO Representation in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Nutritionist reports to the FAO Representative in Bangladesh and to the MUCH Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) on technical issues.

Technical Focus

Promotion of cross-sectoral policy frameworks, nutrition sensitive and food-based interventions, dietary diversity, sustainable food systems, multi-stakeholder dialogue and advocacy, institutional capacity and human resources development, and research activities to inform food and nutrition security policies and programmes.

Key Results

Strengthen enabling environment, including improved capacity and governance, development, implementation and monitoring of cross-sectoral policy frameworks, programmes and investment plans, as well as research activities, for achieving food and nutrition security at country level in accordance with project objectives and the FAO Strategic Framework.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, and leads a multi-disciplinary team on nutrition (food utilization) in coordination with the Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU) of the Ministry of Food and with other key partner ministries in agriculture, fisheries and livestock, women and children, and health and family affairs;
- Provides technical and policy advice to key partner ministries, inter-ministerial food security and nutrition teams, and representatives of civil society and the private sector, in the development, implementation and monitoring of cross-sectoral and sectoral policy frameworks and investment plans, food security and nutrition programmes, and nutrition sensitive, food-based interventions,
- Contributes to the assessment of contributions to achieving relevant national and global food security and nutrition policy targets, such as the 7th Five-Year Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities and oversees the development of related materials and tools, which involves mentoring to key ministry staff and conducting training workshops, seminars and meetings on issues related to nutrition, food security, assessment methodologies, advocacy and sensitization, and other topics identified in response to national needs;
- Supervises and leads data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, such as dietary guidelines, analytical tools, methods and instruments, and project's flagship publications,
- Facilitates and supports government participation in donor coordination mechanisms and other multi-stakeholder initiatives relevant to food security and nutrition, including the Scale-up Nutrition (SUN) and the National Information Platform on Nutrition (NIPN);
- Plans, organizes and participates in multi-stakeholder dialogue to identify food security and nutrition policy related research needs, develops detailed terms of reference for commissioning research, and supervises it in collaboration with inter-ministerial research supervisory committees;

- Contributes to the preparation of project's annual work plans, monitoring of planned activities, and progress reporting to the Project Steering Committee and donors;
 - Analyses country specific requirements as well as technical and financial gaps, and contributes to resource mobilization activities Supports and/or leads as required the formulation of new project proposals on agriculture, food security, nutrition, and other related fields in response to policy assistance needs and demands at country level;
 - Represents the Organization at national, regional, and international meetings and conferences on nutrition, advocates policy dialogue, best practices and strategic partnerships, and develops and maintains working relationships/consensus and agreements with national and international partners; and
 - Performs other duties as required.
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in nutrition, nutrition policy, public health, or a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in nutrition analysis, policy advice and assistance, capacity building, and research development
- Working knowledge of English

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering Others
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing policy guidance and technical support for designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating nutrition policy and programme initiatives in coordination with multi-stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and the private sector
- Extent and relevance of experience in human and institutional capacity development
- Extent of knowledge and experience in the design and implementation of guidelines, methodologies, instruments and/or tools for nutrition-related policies, programmes and investment plans
- Proven ability to network and collaborate with government counterparts, technical and resource partners, initiatives and coordination mechanisms related to nutrition;
- Ability to mobilize resources

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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