



Evaluation of FAO's contribution to rural poverty reduction

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Senior Experts for the Evaluation Team and for the Advisory Expert Panel

Contract duration: 60-70 days (Team Member); 3-5 days (Panel Member)

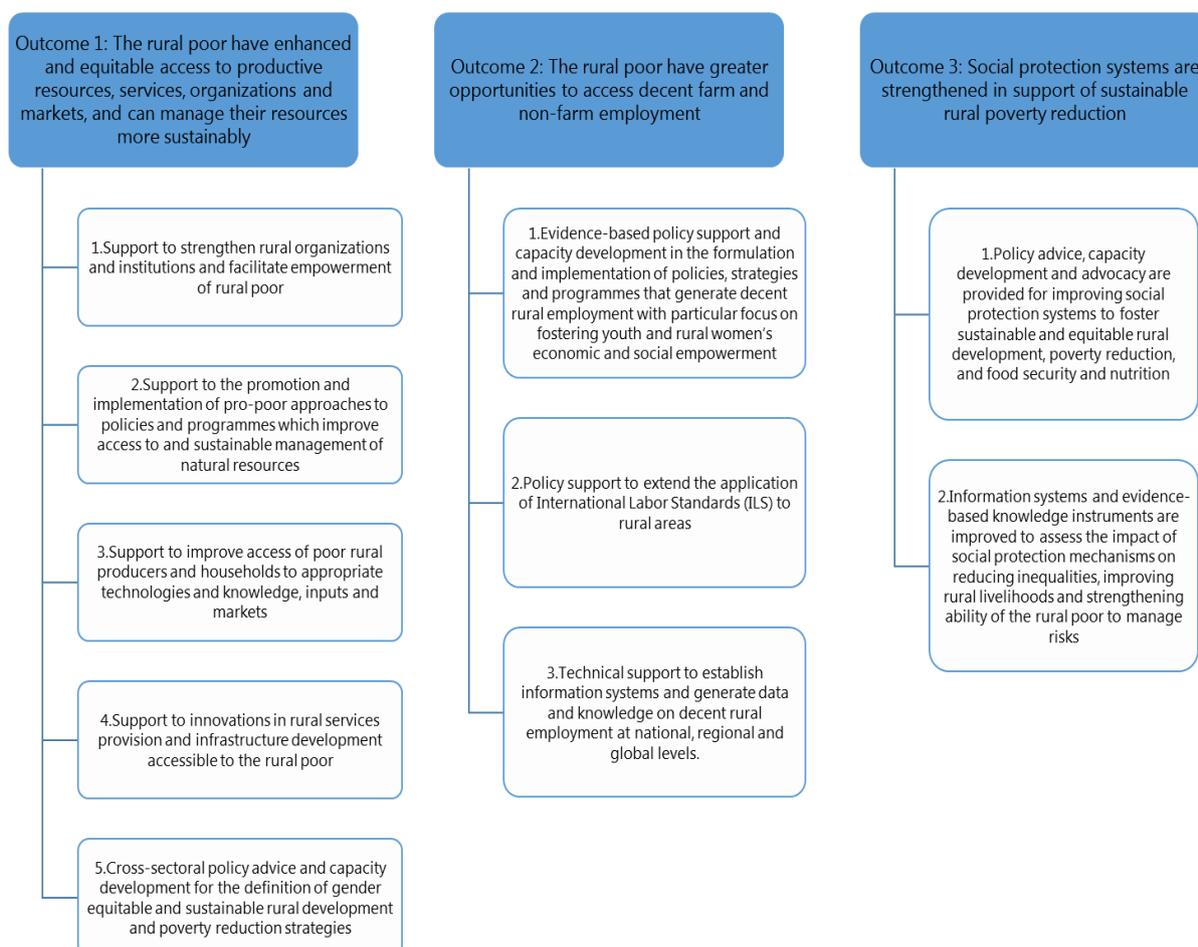
Vacancy No. **IRC3422**

Deadline for Applications: **15 July 2016**

Tasks and responsibilities:

1. The Office of Evaluation (OED) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is starting an evaluation of the FAO Strategic Objective 3 (SO3): Rural Poverty Reduction. The rationale for FAO's engagement in rural poverty reduction comes from the Organization's vision of "a world free from hunger and malnutrition, with food and agriculture contributing to improving living standards especially of the poorest", which is further captured in one of the three FAO global goals that calls for "economic and social progress resulting in elimination of poverty". The latter goal has recently been reinforced by the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and particularly Goal no. 1, which calls for "ending poverty in all its forms everywhere" by 2030.

2. FAO's programme for rural poverty reduction (SP3) aims at achieving three outcomes: 1) empower the rural poor gaining access to resources and services; 2) improve opportunities for the rural poor to access decent farm and non-farm employment; and 3) improve social protection systems for the rural poor. The graph below contains further information on the program's results chain.



3. The evaluation, which will be presented to the FAO Governing Bodies in the spring of 2017, will examine progress with implementation as well as the relevance, adequacy and value-added of FAO's contribution to rural poverty reduction in its member countries.

4. The evaluation will be carried out in the period September 2016-February 2017. It will consist of desk reviews, interviews with FAO stakeholders and staff and a purposively selected sample of country visits and thematic studies from September to October 2016. The reports' writing and finalization process will be from November 2016 to January 2017. The evaluation team, which is currently composed of three OED staff, is seeking to expand its subject-matter expertise through the recruitment of additional team members and the establishment of an advisory expert panel.

5. OED is currently seeking four (4) senior experts to join the evaluation team with relevant expertise in the following fields:

- Rural development, including institution building
- Rural employment
- Social protection
- Agricultural economics
- Gender mainstreaming

6. OED is also seeking four (4) senior experts to join the evaluation's Advisory Expert Panel. The Panel will review and provide feedback on some intermediate products of the evaluation, such as the first draft of the evaluation design (e.g. September 2016) and the first draft of the evaluation report (e.g. January 2017).

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (MSc or PhD) in relevant disciplines (Economics, Development Studies, Social Sciences, Agriculture in its broad understanding, Food and Nutrition Security);
- At least 15 years of relevant experience at international level in their fields of expertise;

Selection Criteria

- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in independent evaluations.
- Excellent analytical and leadership skills;
- Knowledge of Development Agencies, the UN and/or FAO's work on rural poverty reduction;
- Relevant country or regional experience;
- Excellent communication skills in English (both oral and written)
- Working knowledge of a second UN/FAO official language (particularly Arabic, Russian, French and Spanish) will be advantageous

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

All applications are to be made through FAO's [iRecruitment](#) system. Click on the link below to access [iRecruitment](#), complete your online profile and apply for this Call for Expression of Interest.

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