



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

## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **Team Members for the FAO Evaluation of the Partnership for Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) Development Grant Facility (2 positions)**

Contract duration: 25-35 days between August - November 2016

Duty station: home-based with possible mission to FAO HQ (Rome)

**Vacancy No. IRC3507**

**Deadline for Applications: 10 August 2016**

#### **Expressions of Interest for the Evaluation**

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals to conduct the independent "FAO Evaluation of the Partnership for Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) Development Grant Facility". The candidates should not have been involved in the design or implementation of activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration.

#### **Tasks and responsibilities**

The Team Member will contribute to the evaluation for her/his area of specialization. Her/His mandate will derived from and must fully comply with the overall Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Evaluation.

The evaluation will be managed by FAO Office of Evaluation, OED. The Evaluation Team Member is responsible for conducting the evaluation and applying the methodology elaborated in the ToR. The team will participate in briefings and debriefings, discussions, and will contribute to the evaluation with written inputs.

Evaluation and Individual ToR, will be provided to those shortlisted for the assignment.

#### **Candidates should meet the following requirements:**

##### **Composition of the evaluation team**

The evaluation will be led by the appointed FAO-OED Evaluation Manager, and consist of a team of technical and evaluation experts. The evaluation team will comprise the best available mix of skills that are required to assess the project, and as a whole, will have expertise in all the following subject matters:

- Evaluation;
- Agricultural statistics;
- Agricultural Economics;
- Knowledge of national agricultural information systems;
- Trade policies;
- Capacity Development.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree (MSc or PhD) in relevant disciplines (Economics or related disciplines);
- At least 12 years of relevant experience at international level in their fields of expertise; or at least 5 years of relevant experience for an associate team member.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in independent evaluations.
- Excellent analytical and leadership skills;
- Understanding of Agricultural economics, statistics and trade policies
- Demonstrated skills in working well in teams;
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English.

### **Additional Information on selection criteria**

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and 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.

### **Additional information on the Evaluation**

In their 22–23 June 2011 meeting, the G20 Ministers of Agriculture recognized the importance of timely, accurate and transparent information in addressing food price volatility, and policy dialogues in this regard, and launched the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

AMIS is a collaborative food information initiative. The system serves as a platform through which countries, international organizations and the private sector can work together to strengthen synergies and collaboration in order to improve data reliability, timeliness and frequency. AMIS also builds countries' capacity in market outlook analysis and promotes policy dialogue.

AMIS focuses on four basic food commodities, namely wheat, maize, rice and soybeans. Participants comprise the major producing, consuming and exporting countries of these crops which together account for a large share of the world market. Such participation ensures that key information on factors that impact the world market will be available quickly, analysed and benefit everyone, thus providing a public good for the international community.

This evaluation focuses on the financial support provided by the World Bank Group with the Development Grant Facility (DGF) to support the "Partnership for Agricultural Market Information System" ("the Partnership").

The Development Grant Facility (DGF) of the World Bank supported AMIS activities between 2012 and 2016, with three separate tranches disbursed in FY 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015 to a total value of US\$1.2 million. The Partnership concluded on 30 June 2016.

The evaluation will consider the extent to which the Grant objective, outcomes and activities as stated in Annex 1 and 2 of the DGF Grant Agreement, were met. The Grant objective was: "to improve the transparency of global agricultural markets by generating better information on the supply and demand of maize, rice, soybeans, and wheat, and putting this information in the public domain (the data used to generate this information originates in and is owned by the countries participating in AMIS), and by supporting the capacity of participating countries to provide information and conduct policy discussion of global food price spikes."

This evaluation has the following specific objectives:

- To assess progress made towards achieving the DGF grant objective, outcomes and activities, as stated in Annex 1 and 2 of the DGF Grant Agreement through meeting the development and intermediate outcomes as enunciated in the grant agreement, and identifying what results have been achieved;
- To derive lessons learned, for broader application to AMIS, and areas for improvement, in terms of the quality of grant activities, and how useful they are in meeting the needs of AMIS stakeholders.

The main audiences of the evaluation to which the findings and recommendations will be presented are the AMIS Secretariat, the AMIS participating countries, and the World Bank Group Development Grant Facility (DGF) Secretariat and Agriculture Global Practice.

### **Evaluation purpose**

The evaluation scope and questions will be fully designed in consultation with FAO, the AMIS Steering Committee and the World Bank Group (Agriculture Global Practice, and the DGF Secretariat). The evaluation will rely on multiple sources for data collection and mixed-methods for analysis. Sources of data and methods will include primary and secondary document review, interviews and surveys of key project stakeholders.

### **Duration of the evaluation process**

The assignment will last approximately 30 days during the period August to November 2016. The Team Members will work from home and may be expected to travel to Rome as part of this assignment.

### **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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In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of your iRecruitment account are completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

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