



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

CALL FOR CONSULTANCY

Senior Food and Nutrition Security Policy Consultant (FIRST Programme)

Contract duration: 11 months

Vacancy No. IRC3562

Deadline for Applications: 3 October 2016

Duty station: Paramaribo, Suriname

Division/Department: Subregional Office for the Caribbean (SLC)

Programme/Project Number: Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST)

Expected Start date of the Assignment: 15 October

Tasks and responsibilities:

Background

Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST) is a FAO and the 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.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Consultant works under direct supervision of the FAO Representative to Trinidad & Tobago and Suriname and the overall technical guidance of the Senior Policy Officer (FAO/SLC/Trinidad & Tobago) and the FIRST Manager (FAO/Rome). In close collaboration with the EU delegation and the relevant ministries, the Senior Consultant:

Purpose & Duties:

- 1) Analyses and strengthens the country's inter- and intra- sectoral and institutional arrangements and capacity for the implementation of the Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Action Plan;
- 2) Promotes inter-sectoral collaboration in programme planning and implementation of actions among all sectors involved in Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA);
- 3) Provides technical and policy advice, support and capacity strengthening to the Government for the development and implementation of their policies and programmes;
- 4) Advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships, consensus and agreements with international and national partners;
- 5) Supports advocacy and awareness campaigns on FNS to Ministries (Officials and Ministers), relevant institutions and general public;

- 6) Monitors the implementation of FNS programmes and suggest re-definition of approaches to ensure alignment with FNS Policy;
- 7) Provides support as required to the food and nutrition security council and intergovernmental commission so that they provide guidance, as well as monitors and evaluates interventions related to food utilization and food availability as part of the Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Action Plan;
- 8) Provides guidance and support to other technical experts hired under the FIRST programme in Suriname;
- 9) Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities as endorsed by the Government involving the provision of training workshops, seminars, and/or meetings on change management processes, mainstreaming gender, resource mobilization;
- 10) Prepares training materials/information kits/on-line tools/training reports to facilitate training workshops/meetings for technical staff and stakeholders/producers;
- 11) Prepares reports to FAO, European Union and Government on progress achieved and issues related to FIRST implementation;
- 12) Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities;
- 13) Perform other duties as required.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inception Report with plan of work to support mainstreaming of Food and Nutrition Security within the Ministry of Agriculture and with a schedule for training and mentorship on FNS to build capacity among different stakeholder groups. 2. Communications strategy for awareness campaigns for food and nutrition security 3. Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms/plans/tools implemented for FNS capacity 4. Training conducted in resource mobilization and financial mechanisms 5. Government officials and other targeted groups have strengthened knowledge and capacity for implementing FNS policies and programmes. 6. Quarterly progress reports submitted. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) By end 2016 2) By 1st quarter of 2017 3) By 2nd quarter of 2017 4) By 2nd quarter of 2017 5) By 3rd quarter of 2017 6) Dec 2016, March 2017, June 2017, Sept 2017

Minimum Qualifications

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, development economics, food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture or related area;
- Seven to ten years of relevant experience in policy analysis and advice related to food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture policy and policy processes
- Working knowledge English (C Level Proficiency)
- Demonstrated ability to promote ideas, build networks and partnerships with parties outside of own team and organization in order to achieve set objectives
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate, direct, facilitates and recognizes team efforts; create an enabling environment and assist others to realize and develop their potential
- Working knowledge of Dutch is desirable

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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