



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

National expert on gender and rural development

Vacancy No. IRC3592

Deadline for Applications: 27th September 2016

Contract duration: from 17th October to 1st February 2017, for 60 days

Duty station: Tirana, Albania and Home Based

Tasks and responsibilities:

The project TCP/ALB/3601/C1 on advancing rural women's economic empowerment through income diversification aims at closing the gender gap in rural areas for strengthened livelihoods of rural populations, poverty reduction and sustainable rural development. As a first step, key economic clusters will be identified, which are of interest and have potential for rural women of the regions of Vlora, Berat and Korca. Based on the results of the study, the Ministry will be supported in the advancement of rural women's economic empowerment in the framework of IPARD and current rural development and gender equality strategies. Nutrition will be a cross-cutting theme throughout the whole project formulation and implementation.

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Albania and in close collaboration with the Assistant FAO Representative in Albania and the FAO gender mainstreaming specialist of the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU), the national expert on gender and economic analysis will:

- Support the national expert on gender and economic analysis in the preparation of an economic study on key economic clusters of interest for rural women's income diversification in the regions of Berat, Korca and Vlora. More specifically, contribute with a gender analysis of social inequalities and barriers of the given socio-economic clusters and value chains.
- Liaise with stakeholders and support the presentation of the study to key stakeholders at local, regional and national level with recommendations on key areas of interest for advancing rural women's economic empowerment.
- Contribute to the creation of networks of rural women, women's associations, NGOs on women's empowerment, extension services and local governments.
- Support the Ministry of Agriculture, and regional and local institutions on-the-job in advancing rural women's economic empowerment.
- With the support of the Assistant FAO Representative in Albania, engage in resource mobilization.
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Candidates should meet the following requirements:

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- Advanced university degree in sociology, social sciences, social research, gender studies, development or related field.
- Outstanding gender analytical skills and understanding of gender inequalities.
- Experience in farmers' mobilization, and in particular in the mobilization of rural women an asset.
- Experience in providing training on gender issues an asset.
- Experience working or liaising with international organizations an asset.
- Experience working with and/or knowledge of national, regional and local governments of Albania an asset.
- Proficient level of English. Native level of Albanian.

Selection criteria

Candidates will be assessed against the requirements listed above.

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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