



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

National expert on gender and economic analysis

Vacancy No. IRC3593

Deadline for Applications: by 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, the FAO gender mainstreaming specialist of the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) and the national consultant on gender and rural development, the national expert on gender and economic analysis will:

- Conduct market analyses and value chain analyses of selected products that have potential for rural women's entrepreneurship and income diversification. Some economic clusters that will be considered during the market analysis are: trout and aquaculture; agro-tourism; traditional food and gourmet production; medicinal plants; dairy production; handicrafts linked with organic wool; olive oil and soap production; and bee-keeping. The selection of key economic clusters will be done in close collaboration with the Ministry, regional and local authorities, and women farmers.
- Liaise with key stakeholders and present the study at local, regional and national level with recommendations for advancing rural women's economic empowerment.
- 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.

Expected Outputs:

- Elaboration of the economic study in the Regions of Berat, Korca and Vlora with gender value chain analyses and market analyses.
- Present the results of the study to local, regional and national stakeholders

- Support provided to local, regional and national stakeholders on advancing rural women's economic empowerment
- Supported the definition of gender-sensitive selection criteria of IPARD II grants
- Liaised with key stakeholders and engaged in resource mobilization
- Present the project proposal and follow up steps to stakeholders

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, business studies, economic development or related field.
- Knowledge and/or experience in gender issues a significant asset.
- Experience in value chain analysis, market analysis and preparation of business plans.
- Experience working or liaising with international organizations an asset.
- Experience in training, capacity development and/or advocacy 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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