



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

## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **Economist (Poverty Trends)**

Contract duration: 3.5 months (with possibility of extension)  
Vacancy No. IRC3669

Deadline for Applications: 31 October 2016  
Duty station: Rome, Italy

#### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

Under the overall guidance of the Strategic Programme Leader (SPL3) and Deputy (SPL3-D) and direct supervision of Programme Advisor on Rural Poverty Reduction, and in close collaboration with the SO3 Core Team and units involved at HQ and DO levels, the consultant will support the SP3 management team (SP3MT) in tracking and disseminating up-to-date rural poverty trends and innovative policy solutions for rural poverty reduction to enable better-informed programmatic decisions and implementation of FAO's overall strategic programme 3.

The Consultant, under close collaboration with Programme Advisor, will provide research analysis in the form of literature reviews and data analysis to inform SP3's Management and Core Teams in the following areas/projects:

- Support to the research program on rural poverty and extreme poverty. Assist in providing overall direction, suggesting methodologies and specific thematic issues related to poverty reduction, to the ES Department and its different Divisions (ESA, ESS, EST, ESP, ESD), as well as other divisions in the Organization, in a new research and data analysis initiative on rural poverty and extreme poverty. More specifically, the Consultant will provide support in the following:
  - Taking stock of current rural poverty indicators (incidence and depth of absolute poverty and other measures of poverty/wellbeing) from different regions/countries;
  - Suggesting methodologies for the classification (profiling) of rural poverty, including the extreme poor;
  - Helping write, with other members of SP3 and ES, a corporate strategy paper for reducing Extreme Rural Poverty
  - Provide background information and take stock of studies related to rural poverty and other themes linked to SP3's theory of change (e.g. territorial development approaches and strategies for rural development, implications of climate change related events and climate change policies on rural poverty reduction; determinants of rural-to-rural and rural-to-urban migration; rural employment generation and productivity; access to productive resources of the poor, and social protection).
- Elaboration of "SP3 country information sheets" and other support materials.
- Dissemination of rural poverty trends through presentations to SP3 Core-Team, webinars, etc. in conjunction with other members in the SP3MT.
- Support to communication efforts by revising text and providing content to SP3 communication staff on rural poverty trends as needed.

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

### **Academic Qualifications**

- Graduate degree in agricultural or development economics, development studies, social sciences or equivalent.
- Excellent knowledge of written/spoken English and a second language (either French or Spanish).

### **Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements**

- Experience in data analysis (econometrics) and knowledge on impact evaluation techniques;
- Knowledge of country structural transformation processes, rural development and poverty approaches;
- Experience in data collection and analysis in development contexts, related to poverty indicators;
- Knowledge of the work and programmes of FAO, especially in family farming, rural employment, social protection and rural poverty reduction;
- Knowledge on gender issues in rural areas and in agriculture;
- Good writing, presentation and communication skills, organisational skills and team spirit.

### **Remuneration**

The remuneration will be established on the basis of the FAO's Guidelines on The Employment of International Consultants under Ms 317 and Subscribers to Personal Services Agreements under 319 (November 2013).

## **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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