



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Market Analyst and Assessment Specialist

Contract duration: 11 months with possibility of extension

Vacancy No. IRC3692

Deadline for Applications: 25 November 2016

Duty station: Rome, Italy (with frequent missions)

The person will report to: Senior Technical Officer, TCE

Expected Start date of the Assignment: 3 January 2017

Tasks and responsibilities

Background

The Emergency and Rehabilitation Division (TCE) is responsible for ensuring that FAO's efforts are effective in supporting countries and partners in relation to food and agricultural threats and crises. This is an integral part of FAO's corporate effort to build resilience of communities in risk prone environments. The Division supports emergency needs assessments consisting of specific agriculture, livelihood, food and seed security assessments in a wide variety of natural disaster, conflict and post conflict related contexts.

The degree of market functionality in emergencies can vary widely, according to type of shock, institutional and policy environment and commodity system. Therefore, good understanding of markets for agricultural inputs, products and services as well as labour markets is critical for design of effective and appropriate interventions to sustain and support recovery of agricultural livelihoods in crisis and post crisis contexts. Making the wrong decision in relation to modality of support (cash or non-cash based, imports or local procurement, unconditional or conditional transfers) is wasteful of resources as well as being potentially harmful to populations affected by disaster. This consultancy will strengthen expertise in the understanding of markets in emergencies, thereby contributing to effective programming decisions.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the Senior Technical Officer TCE and in close coordination and collaboration with the Senior Statistician in ESS serving as Divisional focal point for SP5, the consultant will:

- Represent the interests of the Organization in the field of emergency market assessments at inter-agency level.
- Design and support the implementation of FAO emergency market assessments world – wide. This will include the development of data collection tools, leading field teams in data collection as well as data analysis, collation and validation.
- Prepare and contribute to the writing of different market assessment reports and studies.
- Implement training and other capacity building activities related to market data assessment and analysis in response to FAO's need and other partners' request.
- Provide remote support to FAO Regional and Country Office during the preparation of emergency market assessments.

- Support the preparation and revision of specific FAO market assessment guidelines and corresponding training material on market analysis tools in emergencies i.e. PCMA, EMMA.
- Perform any other duties when required.

Expected outputs

- Participation in a number of emergency market assessments at field level
- Delivery of emergency market assessment related training
- Effective support to remotely organized market assessments and studies
- Guidelines developed and reviewed

Candidates should meet the following requirements

Minimum requirements

Academic Qualifications

- Advance University degree in Economics, Statistics, Agricultural Economy, Agronomy, Rural Development or closely related technical field.

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- At least 5 years of relevant working experience in market research applied to agriculture and economic studies
- At least 2 years of fieldwork experience in conducting market assessments and related studies
- Good knowledge of market assessment methodologies such as EMMA, RAM, and MAG
- Good knowledge of sampling, data collection and analysis techniques
- Good working knowledge of statistical analyses with ability to use software packages (i.e. SPSS and STATA)
- Excellent mastery of written and oral English
- Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook)
- Ability to perform in multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary context

Selection criteria

- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting, compiling and disseminating agriculture and economic / market statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting quantitative analyses, analytical studies and methodological research in agriculture, economic / market statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in jointly emergency market assessments
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation of technical assistance projects, provision of technical support and preparation/implementation of training programmes in the field of emergency market assessment
- Working knowledge of French, Spanish and/or Arabic will be considered as an important additional asset

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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