



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Team Members for the FAO Egypt Country Programme Evaluation

Contract duration: 30-40 days between February – June 2017

Duty station: home-based with mission to Egypt and possible mission to FAO HQ (Rome)

Vacancy No. IRC3741

Deadline for Applications: 30 November 2016

Background

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is starting an evaluation of FAO's Programme in Egypt during the period 2012-2016.

The FAO Representation to the Arab Republic of Egypt opened in 1978. Over the years, FAO has supported the Government of Egypt (GoE) in its efforts to meet its national priorities related to agriculture, livestock, fisheries, natural resources and rural development. More specifically, FAO provided technical assistance in the form of policy advice, strategic planning and capacity building, and contributed to agricultural development in the country through identification, preparation and appraisal of investment projects. In addition FAO has helped the country improve its food security and cope with outbreaks of diseases such as the Avian Flu and Foot and Mouth disease.

Currently the main areas of collaboration include agricultural information generation, improving agriculture productivity, sustainable management of natural resources, rural community development and climate change mitigation. FAO is also providing support through different regional initiatives/projects on water scarcity, small scale agriculture and food losses and waste reduction.

Purpose

The purpose of this evaluation is to assess results achieved in the implementation of the FAO-Egypt Country Programme Framework (CPF), with the aim of strengthening the relevance and effectiveness of FAO's interventions in the country and ensure maximum usefulness of the evaluation's findings to the next CPF cycle.

Scope

The evaluation will cover FAO's cooperation with Egypt over the period 2012-2016. This evaluation will assess FAO's strategic relevance in the country in terms of response to national needs and challenges within the areas of FAO's mandate and comparative advantage. In addition, it will evaluate the strategic positioning of FAO in terms of partnerships, programme coherence, synergies with other development actors, and pursuit of UN norms and standards including gender equality and poverty reduction. The evaluation will also assess contributions made by FAO to national priorities in the areas of rural and agricultural development and capacity building, with a focus on the following priority areas of the CPF:

- Agricultural information generation, sharing and dissemination
- Improving productivity and efficiency in the agricultural sector
- Sustaining rural community development
- Conserving natural resources and adapting to impacts of climate change

The evaluation will also cover the programme contribution FAO's Strategic Objectives (SO).

Methodology

The evaluation will be guided by key evaluation questions developed by the evaluation team and validated with FAO country team; they will be complemented with evaluation sub-questions to be contextualized according to the projects, and stakeholders involved.

The evaluation will rely on multiple sources for data collection and mixed-methods for analysis, validation and triangulation of evidence against the evaluation questions. Sources of data and methods will include primary and secondary document review, interviews and surveys of FAO staff and partners including the Government, donors, civil society and communities.

Timetable

The assignment will last indicatively 30-40 days to be worked between February and June 2017. The Team Members will work from home and be expected to travel to Egypt in March-April 2017, as part of this assignment.

Composition of the evaluation team

The Evaluation will be conducted by a multidisciplinary team led by an OED evaluation manager, supported by an associate evaluation officer.

OED is presently seeking 4-5 senior experts in one or more of the following sectors

- Climate Change management, adaptation and mitigation including Climate-smart agriculture.
- Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- Food and nutrition security
- Livestock Production and Animal Health
- Policy and Governance

Team members should not have been involved in the design or implementation of FAO interventions in Egypt during the period under assessment, and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration.

Selection criteria

- Postgraduate degree (MSc or PhD) in one of the areas above or a relevant field, good knowledge of an additional area, and a broad background in development and evaluations;
- At least 12 years of relevant experience at national/regional/international level in their fields of expertise;
- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in independent evaluations.
- Relevant country or regional experience
- Excellent skills in analysis, and in writing and verbal communication in English;

Additional Information on selection criteria

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

Egyptian nationals and female candidates with proven experience in the conduct of evaluations including beneficiary assessments with in-depth knowledge of the country are strongly encouraged to apply.

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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In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of your iRecruitment account are completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

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