



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Farmer and Agro Pastoral Field School (FFS/APFS) Officer

Contract duration: 6 months with possibility of extension of extension subject to funding

Vacancy No. IRC3778

Deadline for Applications: 30 December 2016

Duty station: Juba, South Sudan

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative, South Sudan, and the direct supervision of the Head of Programme, in close consultation with the relevant technical divisions at FAO HQ, Regional and Sub Offices the consultant will perform the following duties:

- Oversee all aspects of the implementation of FFS/APFS activities for all South Sudan FAO Projects, including ensuring that all envisaged FFS/APFS related project outputs are achieved in a timely and appropriate manner with highest possible quality.
- Coordinate and provide technical backstopping in all FFS/APFS related projects Responsible for coordinating with the Directorate of Extension and Pastoral Development of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries industry (MLFI) in Juba and at state level, with focus on Lakes state in the pilot phase to develop extension service guidelines and appropriate technical material and cater for integration of the existing services (on animal health and production) into the PFS activities
- Lead the development of and work closely with UNICEF on the Junior Farmers Field School component of the FAO project in Eastern Equatoria region
- Advise FAO and UNESCO (in relation with a specific project) on the integration of innovative model(s) of delivery of literacy and numeracy packages in Agro-pastoral communities and specifically in cattle camps during the dry season as well as in resident households during the rainy season into the PFS approach.
- Coordinate planning and implementation of FFS/APFS activities in existing projects/programmes in Bahar Elgazal;
- Provide technical input for the project design of new FFS/APFS-based projects;
- Contribute to the drafting of an agricultural development strategy for the FAO South Sudan Programme;
- Organize and lead awareness raising campaigns regarding the F/PFS approach;
- Build the capacity of farmers, agro-pastoralists and authorities at state, county and at local level in integrated crop and livestock production in FFS/APFS approach
- Lead the establishment of FFS/APFS groups and contribute to the establishment of community based networks both at county and state level to promote interaction and knowledge sharing.
- Design and conduct PFS/FFS Training of Facilitators courses as needed, including being fully responsible for the preparation, undertaking and follow-up
- Be responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation of FFS/APFS activities including developing M&E tools and undertake assessments in collaboration with the M&E Unit
- Contribute to the policy mainstreaming of FFS/APFS in South Sudan and national coordination and harmonization of FFS/APFS activities in the country as well as towards the institutionalization of the approach

- Actively engage in networking and knowledge exchange with other regional or global actors in the FFS related field, and as appropriate attend regional PFS/FFS events.
- Coordinate the documentation of lessons learned from FFS/APFS activities
- Perform internal technical clearance of Project Reports, Mission TOR, BTOR and other related reports for FFS/APFS activities
- Represent FAO and participate in F/APFS-related international meetings, conferences and workshops;
- Perform other duties as required.

Security: Before starting the mission/travel, the consultant must find out in what security phase the country of assignment is in and what this implies for his/her own security. As soon as he/she arrives at the duty station, through the FAO Representation or directly, he/she must contact the designated UN security officer to be briefed on all the recommended security measures. In case this procedure is not properly applied, the consultant may not be covered under the Malicious Acts Insurance Policy.

Health: All consultants/PSAs, on duty travel, must accept responsibility for their health and well-being as part of their official duties and also on their return.

The following are the main responsibilities of the traveller:

- seek health advice, preferably four to six weeks before travel;
- comply with recommended vaccinations and other prescribed medication and health measures;
- ensure health precautions are taken before, during and after travel;
- obtain a physician's letter pertaining to any prescription medicines, syringes, etc. being carried;
- precaution to avoid transmitting any infectious disease to others during and after travel;
- report any illness on return, including information about all recent travel; and respect the host country and its population.

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date: By the NTE of the contract

• Develop specific and methodological approaches for the implementation of FFS/APFS, together with tailored training material promoting the potential expansion of the approach and its inclusion in the joint cattle camp initiative with the aim to support conflict mitigation/reduction initiatives.

• Develop field training materials and manuals, policy briefs and other documentation related to PFS and FFS ensuring that concept of livestock diseases management and new concepts on Climate Smart Agriculture and Conservation Agriculture are duly incorporated. Lead the assessment of the FFS/APFS approach by developing briefing notes and fact sheets / case studies on its successful implementation.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Agriculture Sciences or related fields.
- Five years of relevant experience in non-formal community based participatory approaches especially Farmer Field Schools/Agro-Pastoral Field School.
- Working knowledge (Level C) of English

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable.
- Work experience in Africa, developing countries and Eastern-Africa would be an asset;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops on community based education (Farmer Field Schools/ Agro-Pastoral Field School);
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity development in the context of climate smart agriculture, resilience development and sustainable agriculture with the capacity to handle the associated political (conflict mitigation), technical, and people management challenges;
- Familiarity with field programmes and FAO procedures for implementation

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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