



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Programme Consultant

Contract duration: 6 months with possibility of extension

Vacancy No. IRC3838

Deadline for Applications: 7 February 2017

Duty station: Rome with travel to the field

Expected start date of the assignment: 20 March 2017

The person will report to: Liaison and Operations Officer, TCE

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. TCE coordinates the development and maintenance of corporate tools and standards to enable FAO country offices to assist member countries to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

As part of this, the Division supports country offices with standards, guidelines, tools and capacity building to support the mainstreaming of quality programming dimensions such as gender, gender based violence, protection and AAP, etc.

Duties and Responsibilities

The incumbent will work under the overall supervision of the Senior Technical Officer TCE, the direct supervision of the Liaison and Operations Officer and closely with relevant strategic programmes, divisions and units (such as the Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, ESP) to support the following streams of work:

Gender and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) mainstreaming

- Together with relevant colleagues, support the country offices with mainstreaming quality programming dimensions such as gender, gender based violence, protection and AAP;
- Support the preparation of guidance material, statements and briefs on FAO's work on gender and AAP mainstreaming and dissemination to the field.

Good practice documentation and dissemination

- Support knowledge sharing, identify and document innovative, multidisciplinary approaches implemented by FAO in the field and facilitate their uptake and/or expansion in other country offices;
- Support development of guidance and advocacy materials on selected good practices;

Impact of preparedness, early actions and needs assessment on FAO performance in emergencies

- Conduct a literature review on the evidence for and factors determining the effectiveness of preparedness, early warning early action and needs assessment in emergencies affecting the agricultural sector;
- Conduct interviews with key staff involved in early warning – early action, preparedness and needs assessment activities within FAO.
- Prepare case studies on specific preparedness activities, early actions and needs assessments to look at the impact on programming decisions, resource allocation and cost saving.

Strengthening links with academic institutions

- Scope out the possibilities for establishing collaboration between relevant universities and the Division;
- Help to develop links with academic institutions in relation to the above areas of work (performance assessment, gender and accountability and good practice dissemination)

Perform any other duties when required.

Candidates should meet the following requirements

Minimum Requirements

Academic Qualifications

- Advanced University degree in social sciences, anthropology or closely related technical field.

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- At least 3 years of relevant working experience including one year in the field (developing country)
- Familiar with current global good programming principles, guidelines and standards on gender, accountability to affected populations, protection etc.
- Proficient in written and oral English and at least working knowledge of one of the following languages: French, Spanish, Arabic
- Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook)
- Ability to perform in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary context
- Availability to travel
- Experience with developing partnerships between international organisations will be an asset
- Experience in programme performance monitoring and evaluation will be an 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

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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