



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
International Food Safety Training Specialist

Contract duration: 4 months
Vacancy No: IRC3904

Deadline for Applications: 05 March 2017
Duty station: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tasks and responsibilities:

The FAO, with financial support from USAID is providing support to the Government of Bangladesh to establish the Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) in order to strengthen food control infrastructures and to enhance inter-agency collaboration and cooperation for protection of consumers' health. To assist the BFSA in developing a food safety training strategy, FAO office in Bangladesh seeks to hire an International Food Safety Training Specialist. The consultant will also provide support to the BFSA in the process of commissioning mobile laboratories for field testing of food compliance with regulations.

Under overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Bangladesh, the technical supervision of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO), and working in close liaison the project's Senior Technical Adviser and a National Team Leader (NTL), the consultant will carry out the following tasks:

- Work closely with the BFSA to develop and present a clear food safety training strategy;
- Review and revise the training courses developed by the BFSA for food inspectors and food handlers in the areas of food hygiene and sanitation and food safety management systems;
- Work in consultation with the BFSA and other government counterparts in the development of food safety and regulatory affairs e-learning modules for food inspectors and food handlers;
- Support the BFSA in tapping into the existing network of laboratories and provide technical advice in further expanding the food laboratory network to support the national food inspection and enforcement programme;
- Oversee the commissioning of two mobile laboratories for field testing of foods for adulteration, chemical and biological contamination;
- Design and develop a programme of analytical field testing of foods at wet markets for compliance with food regulations;
- Perform other related duties, as may be identified.

| Key performance indicators | |
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| Expected Outputs: | Required Completion Date: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Detailed food safety training strategy developed, consulted and accepted by the BFSA;➤ Training courses and training materials developed and documented;➤ E-learning modules for food inspectors and food handlers developed;➤ A food laboratory network to support the national food inspection and enforcement programme is established and an initial meeting is held; <p>A final report detailing above outputs is submitted at the end of the assignment and cleared by the Lead Technical Officer (LTO)</p> | 15 August 2017 |

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University Degree in a field relevant to Food Safety (Food Science, Food Technology or related other subjects);
- At least 12 years relevant experience in food safety capacity building in developing countries;
- Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing training programmes on risk-based food safety management systems;
- At least 12 years relevant experience in food laboratory management and analytical testing of food for compliance with regulations;
- Working knowledge of English

Competencies

- Team Work;
- Building effective networks (mainly within government structures);
- Skills in advocacy, tact and a high degree of discretion and integrity;
- Ability to communicate in a credible and effective manner with government partners/counterparts

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable;
- Extent and relevance of field experience in accreditation of food laboratories to international standards;
- Experience of working within or with state structures on food safety capacity development would be of advantage;
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaison with government counterparts and other stakeholders

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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