



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

## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

International Consultant in Statistics: Technical Assistance Statistician  
for MTF/RAS/372/MUL – Asian Regional Component of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural  
and Rural Statistics

Contract duration: 235 days (WAE basis)  
Vacancy No. IRC3912

Deadline for Applications: 07 March 2017  
Duty station: Bangkok, Thailand

### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Assistant Director-General & Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, the administrative supervision of the Budget Holder, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer and in coordination with the Regional Coordinator of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, the incumbent will:

- Contribute to preparation of a detailed work plan, project framework, budget for technical assistance and a monitoring and evaluation strategy for the region.
- Lead the In-depth Assessment and strategic planning process for improvement of Agricultural Statistics System of assigned countries
- Maintain linkages with activities in the Training and Research components of the Regional Action Plan
- Coordinate the implementation of technical assistance activities with Participating Partners and other partners, and build synergy with related initiatives, projects and other technical assistance in the region.
- Oversee the implementation of technical assistance components of the Regional Action Plan, provide back stopping support at country level and regional levels and organise or attend related meetings, seminars and workshops
- Oversee the revision or update of country assessments and maintenance of country profiles, coordinate the preparation of country assessment missions and reports according to Global Office (GO) guidelines
- Contribute to the administration of contracts, with external partners for work outsourced
- Contribute to implementation of the advocacy and communication strategy for the Regional Action Plan.
- Prepare technical reports, articles, working papers, books and documents related to the Regional Action Plan

### **Specific Functions**

- Undertake backstopping missions to provide technical assistance to assigned countries
- Coordinate and supervise the preparation of technical reports, articles, working papers, books and documents related to the implementation of new cost effective methods in the selected countries
- Provide briefing to consultants on relevant technical matters and guide their work at country level to ensure timely delivery and technical quality
- Undertake technical reviews of the methodological documents prepared by consultants or other team members;
- Keep updated with the research outputs of the Global Office published in form of technical reports and guidelines, and provide comments on draft versions
- Perform other related duties as required

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Plans and In-depth Assessments completed in the assigned countries. Backstopping support provided on the New Cost effective methods implemented in selected countries. Review of the SPARS, IdCA Reports and Country specific Technical Papers to ensure technical quality. End-of-assignment reports of country missions reviewed</li> </ul> <p>The deliverables above will be produced in English.</p>	January 2018

## Candidates should meet the following requirements:

### Minimum Requirements

- University degree in statistics, agricultural economics, economics, or equivalent;
- Seven years progressive experience in implementation of statistical capacity development programmes, technical assistance at country level preferably in the region and preferably several years at international level;
- Excellent working knowledge of English.

### Competencies

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

### Selection criteria

- Experience in assessing country statistical capacity and in designing national strategies for development of agricultural statistics
- Experience in survey design and implementation in a developing country context
- In-depth knowledge of agricultural statistics methodologies
- Experience in the United Nations or international organizations;
- Experience working with governments and other stakeholders in developing countries;
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member in complex multi-cultural environments;
- Demonstrated initiative and ability to deliver results within deadlines;
- Familiarity with Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics would 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

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