



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

## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST International Expert Food Systems**

Contract duration: 1 month  
Vacancy No. IRC3929

Deadline for Applications: 9th March 2017  
Duty station: Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Division/Department:** FAO Bangladesh, Dhaka

**Programme/Project Number:** SP4/ FMM/GLO/117/MUL

**Expected start date of the assignment:** 2 April 2017

### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

#### **I. Background**

With increasing urbanisation, the world is facing challenges on how to supply nutritious and healthy food to city dwellers/users equally across all sectors. In the past decades the attention of development partners, including FAO has mainly focused on increasing production of staple crops. While this remains a vital element of an overall strategy for enhancing food security and nutrition, it is however not sufficient to address the specific factors associated with food security in cities and in addressing nutritional objectives. This is a real concern, with estimates indicating that two thirds of the world's population will live in cities by 2050. The New Urban Agenda (NUA) is the new global political commitment to the sustainable development of towns, cities and other human settlements over the next two decades, adopted during the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), (Quito, October 2016), clearly recognizes the centrality of food security and nutrition in food system planning. The current food system urgently needs changes, warranting alternatives in a way that produce sustainable, inclusive and environmentally friendly solutions to the emerging food needs in cities.

Within this framework, FAO is implementing the NADHALI Project “Developing Sustainable Food Systems for urban areas: Pilot Works in NAirobi (Kenya), DHAKa (Bangladesh), and LIma (Perù)” that has the goal of supporting the responsible authorities in urban areas to develop food system planning as key pillar for “making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” [SDG Goal11] and “Ending hunger and achieving food security and nutrition [SDG-Goal 2].

#### **II. General Objectives of the Assignment**

The general objective of the assignment is to oversee and provide technical inputs to the national food systems expert(s) in

- initiating and field testing a tool for food system rapid appraisal for cities (Rapid Urban Food System Appraisal Tool – RUFSA) aiming at creating evidence on food systems;
- further development of the data produced from the RUFSA;
- supporting decision making promoting sustainability of the selected urban area;
- pilot-testing in Dhaka.

The expert will be requested to contribute technical knowledge and advice, as well as supporting the finalizing of all technical written inputs. The tool will be based on FAO's sustainable food value chain

(SFVC) approach (as detailed in <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i3953e.pdf>). The tool will provide insight not only about the actors and their activities within the urban areas, but also about the “city foodshed” and about the smallholder producers given their importance for an integrated sustainable development.

Under the direct supervision of the Deputy FAO Representative in Dhaka and the Technical Supervision of ESN in Rome, the consultant will

- Support the initial field testing of the RAPID Urban Food Systems Appraisal Tool, review with the national team and recommend refinements;
- Provide oversight and support as needed to the work implemented by the national expert(s) on food systems;
- Provide technical advice on food systems matters and value chain in the urban context of Dhaka;
- Establish and maintain a close communication with Rome team for all project matters, including the initial draft of RUF SAT, and lead adaptation to local needs with the national consultant;
- Verify the methodology for collection of secondary data analysis (static and time-series) including estimation of products flows and their sources, food insecurity levels, institutional markets, intra-city production and processing, formal and informal channels, health status, retail and food services, demography, urban poverty, slums, urban sprawl and general city-region overview;
- Verify methodology for secondary data analysis on food system (from production to consumption);
- Advise on the design of model urban food value chain analysis for designated local markets and products;
- Advise on the selection of prioritized products or markets and further on the application of food value chain or market systems analysis;
- If possible according to the work plan, participate in the field mission of the representatives from the Rome Coordination and Technical Unit;
- Keep abreast with the developments of the Multi-stakeholders Food Systems Planning Platform (MFSP) to support it technically when needed;
- Develop a project proposal for further development of a Food Systems approach applicable to Bangladesh

### III. Implementation approach and working arrangement

The consultant will be hired by FAO office in Dhaka, and will report directly to the Deputy FAOR. The assignment will consist of three ten-day mission between March 2017 and January 2018. The consultant will coordinate with the NADHALI Rome Coordination and Technical Unit.

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical review and inputs on the report on the secondary data analysis (in line with what developed by the MFSP expert and in collaboration with team producing RUF SAT methodology)</li> <li>• Technical review and inputs on the report on the Food value chain or market system analysis for prioritized products</li> <li>• Review and technical advice on materials to be widely presented within the project team at large and externally;</li> <li>• Review of the preliminary food system action plan and road map for the future</li> <li>• Technical advice on the development of the draft methodology</li> <li>• Draft project proposal on Food systems for Bangladesh</li> <li>• Other tasks (including production of additional document/reports)</li> <li>• Final report of duties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-April 2017</li> <li>• End of May 2017</li> <li>• Throughout the project</li> <li>• End of June 2017</li> <li>• End of October 2017</li> <li>• As needed</li> <li>• By mid-January 2018</li> </ul>

## **Candidates should meet the following requirements:**

### **Minimum Requirements**

The consultant will have a higher level academic degree on economics, agribusiness, or pertinent discipline with expertise in value chain, data collection and statistical analysis with considerable knowledge of food environment issues/food supply chain. Knowledge of Bangladesh is an asset.

### **Competencies & Technical/Functional Skills**

- At least 10 years of working experience on data collection and statistical analysis at urban level with International Organizations, preferably UN.
- Previous extensive experience in food value chain analysis mandatory
- Experience in reviewing technical reports is an asset
- Excellent English writing skills
- Demonstrated experience on previous similar projects preferable but not mandatory
- Understanding the local context and familiarity with Bangladesh is an asset
- Demonstrated capacity to speak and write fluent English

### **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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