



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SPECIALISTS IN:

- **POLICY ADVISORY ON FOOD SECURITY**
- **GOVERNANCE OF LAND AND WATER TENURE**
- **GENDER AND EQUITY IN DEVELOPMENT**
- **FOOD SECURITY INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
- **DEVELOPMENT FINANCE**

FOR THE EVALUATION OF FAO'S CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1 - HELP ELIMINATE HUNGER, FOOD INSECURITY AND MALNUTRITION

Contract duration: 65 days each

Vacancy No. IRC3937

Deadline for Applications: 31 March 2017

Duty station: FAO headquarters in Rome, with travels to a small sample of countries

Tasks and responsibilities:

The FAO Office of Evaluation is starting an evaluation of FAO's work under Strategic Objective 1, which aims to help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition through support to the establishment of conducive policy and legal frameworks; advocacy for the allocation of adequate human and financial resources to food security; and promoting the use of evidence in decision-making.

The following are a few of the areas of work characteristic of Strategic Objective 1:

- Advice in policy frameworks and investment plans for food security and nutrition;
- Promotion of guidelines, such as the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGT), the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries (VGSSF), or the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food (VGRtF);
- Support to the "Zero Hunger Challenge" in Latin America, Africa and Asia;
- Development of information systems for food security and nutrition;
- Support to the Committee on World Food Security.

The objectives of the evaluation are to:

1. Help FAO management and governing bodies assess progress made towards implementing the new FAO vision and the new orientations that are embedded in Strategic Objective 1;
2. Examine how the reviewed strategic framework has added value to FAO's efforts to eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition;
3. Based on the above, provide strategic recommendations for FAO and the Strategic Programme Management Team.

The evaluation will rely on multiple sources for data collection and mixed-methods for analysis, validation and triangulation of evidence against the evaluation questions. Sources of data and methods of collection will include: a) document review; b) administrative data analysis; c) synthesis of evidence from prior evaluations; d) interviews and survey of FAO staff and partners involved in hunger and malnutrition reduction work; e) an estimated six country case studies; and f) a quantitative analysis of FAO's comparative advantages.

A team of four external consultants will be recruited to undertake tasks d) and e) above: interviews with FAO staff and partners both at the global level (interviews in Rome and with partners' headquarters through telephone) and

at the country level (through a small number of country case studies). The team will first convene in Rome to review the evaluation TORs and interview global stakeholders. The team will then be divided in sub-teams for the conduct of country case studies. Finally, the team will reconvene in Rome for additional data collection, identification of findings and conclusions, and debriefing with FAO management and staff. Report writing (home-based) will conclude the exercise.

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs	Required Completion Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The evaluation will require most inputs from the consultant during the period April-September 2017 	September 2017

The composition of the team

The evaluation will be led by the appointed FAO-OED evaluation manager, and will avail itself of the inputs of senior technical experts in specific areas of the evaluation, as follows:

- policy advisory, especially on food security, right to food and/or nutrition;
- governance of land and water tenure;
- gender and equity in development;
- food security information and information systems;
- agro-economy and development finance.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Postgraduate degree (MSc or PhD) in one of the areas above or a relevant field;
- At least 10 years of relevant experience at international level in their fields of expertise;

Technical/Functional Skills

- Relevant experience in developing countries;
- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in large-scale strategic independent evaluations;
- Excellent analysis skills;
- Good writing and verbal communication skills in English;
- Knowledge of French, Spanish and Portuguese will be advantageous;
- Experience working for FAO or similar international development agencies will be advantageous.

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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In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of your iRecruitment account are completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Applicants should include in their application (e.g. in an uploaded application letter):

- Information on gender, age, current residence and nationality;
- Expected daily fee rate (exclusive of expenses); and
- Availability between April-September 2017.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

