



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Agriculture Disaster Risk Management Advisor

Contract duration: Initially for 02 years (extendable up to 05 years)

Vacancy No : IRC3956

Deadline for Applications: 15 March 2017

Duty station: Multan, Pakistan

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Pakistan (FAOR), under the direct co-ordination and guidance of the Deputy FAOR, Assistant FAOR Programme and Resilience Programme Officer (DPRU), and in close coordination with the technical officers at the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) and relevant FAO Headquarters Technical Units, the Agriculture DRM Adviser will be responsible to perform the following tasks and duties;

- Provide overall supervision, management and oversight the Project's support to UK/DFID-funded Building Disaster Resilience in Pakistan's (BDRP's) "community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM)" and "capacity development" components through both the inception phase and implementation period; ensuring compliance with FAO procedures;
- Provide high quality direct technical guidance to CBDRM during inception phase and the implementation period, including but not limited to techniques for risk mapping, identification of agriculture-based resilience measures, climate change adaptation, safety nets, etc.;
- Provide technical support to the "capacity development" component of BDRP that include relevant government authorities/departments, local authorities and non-governmental organisations;
- Offer technical advice to the national Programme Strategic Committee (PSC), provincial Programme Management Committees (PMCs) and FAO, UNDP and WFP senior management teams, when needed;
- Render support to secretariat services to the BDRP programme;
- Provide support to fill the need of BDRP "research" component through identification of suitable partner(s) to build the evidence base on how disaster risk reduction (DRR) investments at scale affect the economic and social welfare of communities;
- Ensure co-ordination, alignment and strategic cooperation between the BDRP's CBDRM, capacity development, and research components and maintain a holistic overview of the programme to better advise the steering committee;
- Ensure technical support to FAO's country team on resilience related issues;
- Establish strong liaison with UNRCO to strengthen the technical and convening capacity of the Pakistan United Nations' Country Team on DRR;
- Ensure knowledge sharing of best practices and gaps to the wider stakeholders and establish co-ordination and synergies at provincial and district levels to maximise community impact and enable scaling up and lesson learning;
- Manage the day-to-day implementation of the project including: (a) preparing terms of reference for consultants and contracts; (b) participation in the identification and selection of consultants; (c) monitoring the quality of the work of consultants; and (d) review and evaluation of consultant products;
- Arrange timely recruitment and procurement of quality services and equipment and in accordance with applicable rules, regulation and standards established by FAO;
- Work closely with the FAO Representation in Pakistan to formulate the contractual arrangements (e.g. Letters of Agreement and Service Contracts) to be established with concerned service providers;
- Co-ordinate the work of national consultants to ensure that project-supported initiatives meet the standards of best practice;
- Review all the necessary periodic project progress reports prepared by PTU and PIUs and provide feedback for necessary modification to make them usable as per donor requirements;
- Monitor the project budget and prepare yearly expenditure plans and provide regular and systematic programmatic monitoring support to achieve project outputs;

- Follow up on any problem solving or risk mitigation actions identified in project progress reporting or during supervision missions to insure timely and effective project execution;
- Give support or organise and convene project related workshops and meetings;
- Assistance in the organisation of the Project's mid-term and final evaluations;
- Other tasks as needed for project implementation.

Expected Outputs:

- Establishment and functioning of PTU and PIUs and supervise the project implementation unit team;
- Quality technical work provided;
- Ensure co-ordination, alignment and strategic co-operation between the components of BDRP (i.e. CBDRM, capacity development and research).
- Liaison with relevant stakeholders for smooth implementation of the Project;
- Prepare detailed implementation plan (i.e. project work plan, budget procurement plan, etc.)
- Oversight of field activities

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in natural sciences, agriculture economics, rural development, or related field;
- At least 12 years of professional experience;
- Excellent command of English (speaking and writing skills).

Selection criteria

Candidates will be assessed against the requirements listed above.

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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