



Food and Agriculture Organization
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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Rural Poverty Reduction Programme (SP3) - Investment Programmes

Contract duration: from EOD through 22 December 2017

Vacancy No. IRC4028

Deadline for Applications: 14 April 2017

Tasks and responsibilities:

Within its Strategic Framework, FAO is implementing five **Strategic Programmes (SP)** that express the development outcomes expected to be achieved over a ten-year timeframe, by FAO Member countries. The five SPs contribute to the three Global Goals of FAO. Each programme has **indicators of achievement** and their implementation is guided by **Action Plans**. The five Strategic Programmes are:

1. Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
2. Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner
3. Reduce rural poverty
4. Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems at local, national and international levels
5. Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

Under its **Strategic Programme 3 (Reduce Rural Poverty) (SP3)**, FAO is promoting an integrated approach to rural development, which seeks to improve rural livelihoods through interventions aiming at dynamizing and diversifying the rural economy at large. **FAO's Strategic Programme 3 brings together six key areas of programmatic support: (i) strengthening of rural institutions and producer organisations; (ii) improving smallholder productivity and market access; (iii) enabling equal access and sustainable management of productive resources; (iv) improving access to rural services; (v) enhancing farm and non-farm decent rural employment opportunities; and (vi) strengthening social protection for rural populations.** FAO puts special emphasis on addressing the needs of rural women and youth.

The **Investment Centre Division (TCI)** promotes poverty reduction, food security, nutrition, agriculture and rural development (FSNARD), sustainable natural resource management (NRM) and climate change mitigation and/or adaptation (CCM/A) in developing countries and countries in transition. TCI aligns with national priorities, working with governments and country stakeholders, development partners, and in particular through partnerships with international financing institutions, contributes to strategic analytical investment assessments, and design, planning, implementation and evaluation of national policies and investment programmes to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals.

TCI is a multidisciplinary division composed of three regionally focused services, namely Africa Service, Asia and the Pacific Service, and Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service. TCI also houses FAO's coordination unit for the Global Environment Fund (GEF).

Under the supervision of the SP3 Management Team, and in close collaboration with the TCI Africa Service (TCIA), the incumbent will support the investment analytical work, and design, implementation support and evaluation of investment policies and programmes concerning FSNARD, NRM and CCM/A that promote agricultural and rural development, inclusive growth, poverty reduction, gender equality and sustainable livelihoods in Africa. **Focus will be mainly on areas i., iv. and v. mentioned above.**

Based on a work plan developed jointly by the SP3 Management Team and TCIA, he/she will:

- Contribute to the preparation of national strategies/policy and investment programmes and analytical assessment studies with TCIA and partners - working in wider multidisciplinary teams- providing technical guidance and inputs on areas i., iv. and v. mentioned above;
- Ensure the continuum between *rural poverty reduction and food and nutrition security*;

- Participate in multidisciplinary teams to provide implementation support , in specific technical areas mentioned above of ongoing investment operations, working with TCIA, national and IFI counterparts;
- Contribute to end of project evaluations and preparation of reports in accordance with government and financing partners' requirements focusing on technical areas listed above;
- Perform other SP3 and/or TCIA relevant tasks as requested.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Academic Qualifications

- Advanced university degree in rural development, sociology, social development, agro-economics, anthropology, or a closely-related field;
- At least 10 years of relevant experience including in the design, implementation and/or evaluation of agricultural and rural development investment programmes and policy advice in developing countries and/or countries in transition;
- Excellent written and spoken English and working proficiency in French.

Technical Competencies and Experience

- Experience providing technical contributions (in areas cited above) within multidisciplinary, multi-agency teams;
- Knowledge of the UN system;
- Minimum three years of field experience in Africa required.

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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