



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Team members for the Evaluation of the project: “Strengthening Agricultural Market Information Systems globally and in selected countries (Nigeria, India, Bangladesh) using innovative methods and digital technology” (2 positions)

Contract duration: 50 working days for the team leader and 40 working days for the team member in the period June-September 2017

Vacancy No. IRC4034

Duty station: home-based with missions to FAO HQ (Rome), Bangladesh, India and Nigeria

Deadline for Applications: 21 April 2017

Expressions of Interest for the Evaluation

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals to conduct the independent evaluation of the project “*Strengthening Agricultural Market Information Systems (AMIS) globally and in selected countries (Nigeria, India, Bangladesh) using innovative methods and digital technology*”.

Background

In their 22–23 June 2011 meeting, the G20 Ministers of Agriculture recognized the importance of timely, accurate and transparent information in addressing food price volatility, and policy dialogues in this regard, and launched the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

AMIS is a collaborative food information initiative that unites G20 countries and Spain as well as seven other main producing and consuming countries of the commodities monitored by AMIS: wheat, maize, rice and soybeans. The system serves as a platform through which these countries, international organizations and the private sector can work together to strengthen synergies and collaboration in order to improve data reliability, timeliness and frequency. AMIS also builds the technical capacities of AMIS participating countries in market outlook analysis and promotes policy dialogue.

The project “*Strengthening Agricultural Market Information Systems globally and in selected countries (Nigeria, India, Bangladesh) using innovative methods and digital technology*”, funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), contributes to the initiative by linking the AMIS global platform with the national information systems of these three countries. The objectives of the project are:

1. Adapt and further develop existing data and analysis tools and AMIS Platform and for use at global and country level for sharing, analyzing and disseminating international and national data on crop production forecasts, estimation of food stocks and market price data; and making this information easily available, accessible and transparent to the global community and countries;
2. Design and test rigorous statistical methods based on digital and geo-referenced technologies that increase the quality, timeliness, accuracy and comparability of agricultural data (focused on crop production forecasts, estimation of food stocks and market/food price data);
3. Improve the ability of Bangladesh, India and Nigeria to apply the best methods and digital technology for improved data collection and analysis related to food/agricultural prices, crop forecasts and availability of stocks, and promote usefulness of tools to public stakeholders, private sector, NGOs and other partners.

Purpose of the evaluation

The Evaluation will assess the results of the programme and identify lessons learned from its implementation. This will serve as an input to develop future project ideas and improve the design of similar projects.

Composition of the evaluation team

The evaluation will be led by a senior evaluation consultant (team leader), who will be supported by a senior expert with an in-depth statistical knowledge (team member). The team will have expertise in all the following subject matters: evaluation; statistics; agricultural Economics; gender; capacity development.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (MSc or PhD) in relevant disciplines (Economics, Evaluation, Statistics, or related disciplines);
- At least 10 years of relevant experience at international level in their fields of expertise;
- Working knowledge (Level C) of English and limited knowledge (Level B) of one of the other FAO languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Selection Criteria

- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in global evaluations.
- Demonstrated experience in developing countries (previous assignments in Bangladesh, India and Nigeria will be an asset).
- Proven knowledge of national statistical systems.

Additional Information on the selection process

- FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and 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.
- The candidates should not have been involved in the design or implementation of activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration.
- The shortlisted candidates will undergo a competency-based interview. Prior to this, they will be provided with the evaluation's Terms of Reference.

Tasks and responsibilities

The evaluation is managed and quality-assured by the FAO Office of Evaluation (OED). It will be conducted by an external team composed of a team leader and a senior expert. The team is responsible for the preparation of the evaluation report.

Timeframe of the evaluation

The evaluation will be undertaken from June-September 2017. The team will work from home and will be expected to travel to Rome, as well as to Bangladesh, India and Nigeria as part of this assignment.

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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