



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Animal Health and Production Specialist

Contract duration: 6 months with possibility of extension of extension subject to funding

Vacancy No. IRC4041

Deadline for Applications: 28 April 2017

Duty station: Juba, South Sudan

Tasks and responsibilities:

The Animal Health and Production Officer will work under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative for South Sudan and the direct supervision of the Deputy FAO Representative. The Animal Health and Production Officer will collaborate with the Programme, Operations and Administrative Units and consult with the relevant Technical Units at FAO headquarters, RAF and SFE, and the Lead Technical Officer. Specifically, the incumbent will:

Key functions

- Lead and be responsible for the project animal health delivery;
- Provide technical and programmatic leadership in the area of animal health, animal production and cold chain development from a national and regional perspective;
- Support the review and formulation of policy and regulatory frameworks on animal disease control and prevention in South Sudan including cross-border actions;
- Collaborate and liaise with the Regional Resilience Team for Eastern Africa on trans-boundary animal disease (TADs) and other regional initiatives on cross-border livestock issues;
- Enhance private sector engagement in and support to animal health services.

Specific functions

- Provide policy advice on livestock issues in South Sudan including animal disease prevention and control and veterinary extension and animal production;
- Lead and participate in technical meetings on the harmonization of community animal health approaches to the control and prevention of TADs;
- Lead and participate in the development of frameworks and protocols on the control and prevention of TADs and other livestock related issues between South Sudan and neighboring countries;
- Provide regular reports and updates on the livestock situation in South Sudan, including cross-border areas with neighboring countries;
- Contribute to livestock-related strategies within the framework of the Country Programme and the Livestock Cross-Border project;
- Lead and participate in livestock situation analysis/assessments and livestock disease outbreaks investigations;
- Lead the development of technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks;
- Design and lead epidemiological studies/surveys, extension services and disease surveillance;
- Support livestock project formulation by liaising with donors, government officials and partner organisations as well as FAO technical units;
- Explore and assess the options to support the establishment of a cost recovery systems and private sector in the animal health services in South Sudan;
- Establish coordination with public and private partners including local authorities on veterinary services related issues.

Security:

Before starting the mission/travel, the consultant must find out in what security phase the country of assignment is in and what this implies for his/her own security. As soon as he/she

arrives at the duty station, through the FAO Representation or directly, he/she must contact the designated UN security officer to be briefed on all the recommended security measures. In case this procedure is not properly applied, the consultant may not be covered under the Malicious Acts Insurance Policy.

Health: All consultants on duty travel, must accept responsibility for their health and well-being as part of their official duties and also on their return.

The following are the main responsibilities of the traveller:

- seek health advice, preferably four to six weeks before travel;
- comply with recommended vaccinations and other prescribed medication and health measures;
- ensure health precautions are taken before, during and after travel;
- obtain a physician's letter pertaining to any prescription medicines, syringes, etc. being carried;
- precaution to avoid transmitting any infectious disease to others during and after travel;
- report any illness on return, including information about all recent travel; and respect the host country and its population.

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frameworks and protocols on the control and prevention of TADs and other livestock related issues between South Sudan and neighbouring countries developed. • Meeting minutes on the harmonization of community animal health approaches to the control and prevention of TADs. • Regular reports and updates on the livestock situation in South Sudan, including cross-border areas with neighbouring countries. • Livestock situation analysis/assessments and livestock disease outbreaks investigations report/s. • Technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks developed. • Epidemiological studies/surveys, extension services and disease surveillance reports and documents. • Report on the options to support the establishment of a cost recovery systems and private sector in the animal health services in South Sudan. • End of assignment report. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>First three months</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>By the NTE of the contract</p> <p>By the NTE of the contract</p>

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in veterinary science and/ or animal production.
- Seven years of relevant experience in animal health or animal production and pastoralism in Africa.
- At least two years of experience in coordinating technical assistance and programming in Eastern Africa.
- Working knowledge of English (Level C).

Competencies

- Results Focused
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Building Effective Relationships

Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience with emergencies and development initiatives in the Horn of Africa.
- Demonstrated experience in the implementation of activities in collaboration with public and private sectors.
- Experience in providing technical assistance to development strategies, policy and national governments and regional bodies.

- Experience in project formulation, operation, implementation, budget execution and monitoring.
- Demonstrated experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and other country stakeholders.
- Experience in community based development and participatory approaches and in particular with grassroots associations and farmers groups.

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.

<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

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.

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