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Deadline For Application: 9 July 2017

JOB TITLE: Econometric analysis specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant / PSA

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS DIVISION  
(ESA)

DURATION: 6 months with possibility of extension subject to funding availability

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

### Organizational Setting

The FAO Somalia Famine Prevention and Drought Response Plan combines lifesaving interventions with emergency livelihood support to address the distinct needs of rural people at risk across Somalia. The Plan responds to three overarching priority needs/areas in rural communities:

- Priority 1. **Cash (cash-for-work and unconditional cash transfers)**, to meet immediate food (and water) needs;
- Priority 2. **Livelihood support and cash ("Cash+")**, to restore food production while ensuring families meet their immediate food needs; and
- Priority 3. **Emergency livestock support**, to save livestock assets, and related food and income.

All projects implemented by FAO Somalia are achieving the intended results and at the same time ensuring accountability. These interventions aim to deliver a cumulative impact in the increase of resilience of the households and mitigation of the impact of future shocks. This is done through ensuring beneficiaries build an asset base, increase production and diversify livelihoods. In terms of assessment the programme measure impact through household surveys applying the RIMA II methodology, allowing not only to measure resilience but also to and analyze its different components.

Within this context the the Resilience Analysis and Policies (RAP) team is seeking to complement the current capacity to support Joint Resilience Strategy Impact Evaluation in Somalia, as well as Cash Transfer project impact evaluation in order to provide evidence-based analysis of the impact of such initiatives. This activity will be undertaken in close collaboration with the M&E office in FAO Somalia, based in Rome with frequent travels to Nairobi and Mogadishu.

### Reporting Lines

The Economist will report directly to Team Leader of the Resilience Analysis and Policies team.

### Tasks and responsibilities

- Participate to the data collection exercise (supporting the instrument design; training; data collection; data entry);
- Conduct resilience analysis with RIMA-FAO methodology;
- Prepare analysis reports, including consolidation of inputs from partners;
- Follow-up on dissemination including workshops, seminars and presentations on behalf of FAO;
- Other duties as required.

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### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced Degree in Economics, Econometrics, or Development Economics, or a related field. A first-level university degree in combination with additional qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree;
- At least 3years of relevant experience in data analysis, econometric analysis, food security analysis and/or LSMS dataset analysis,
- Working knowledge of English (level C, oral and written)

## **FAO Core Competencies**

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

## **Technical/Functional Skills**

- Minimum 3 years of professional experience related to the management, planning, creation, development, implementation and maintenance of an information system/database and reporting system.
- Previous work experience in international development contexts, particularly complex environments.
- Professional knowledge of and practical experience in using Stata software is essential.
- Experience and skills in econometric analysis and interpretation of data collected including knowledge and experience in participatory data collection approaches, interviews, administering questionnaires, editing entries and cleaning data.
- Good knowledge of the FAO resilience measurement approach is an additional asset.
- Field experience is essential. Experience in protracted crises contexts would be considered an asset.
- Communication skills – oral and written.

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

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## **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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