



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4353

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Deadline For Application: 28 July 2017

JOB TITLE: National Consultant (National Action Plan for Zero Hunger)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant / PSA

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

DUTY STATION: Thailand, Bangkok

DURATION: 30 days

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 Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RAP also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RAP develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

Reporting Lines

The National Consultant works under the supervision of the FAO Representative for Thailand and the technical supervision of Senior Policy Officer/Delivery Manager of Regional Initiative on Zero Hunger Challenge, as well as concerned technical officers in RAP.

Technical Focus

The technical focus of this position covers the formulation of National Action Plan for Zero Hunger in Thailand

Tasks and responsibilities

Key Functions

- List the role, functions and challenges of existing institutions and stakeholders related to agricultural development (e.g. public sector, development organization, private sector, academia, civil society, farmers association, farmers, etc.)
- Map and review relevant national strategies, policy papers, documents and sectoral development plans and strategies related to food security and nutrition and agriculture development that contribute to eradicating hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition;
- Review past and current projects and programs related to the above-mentioned areas;
- Review the national budget allocation and public investment on implementation of relevant national policies, strategies and action plans;
- Assist the government in conducting a multi-sectoral inception meetings, workshop which will be participated by various government stakeholders and the representatives of UN Agencies, development partners and NGOs/civil societies in Thailand, to discuss the preparation of national action plan for the ZHC;
- Support the government for setting up five-pillar thematic working groups and lead working group workshops and consultations;
- Organize a final consultation workshop with various stakeholders to review the draft ZHC National Action Plan;
- Liaise and closely coordinate with FAO Thailand Office.

Specific Functions

- Report on mapping existing relevant national policies, strategies and actions plans, as well as the relevant projects and programmes, including the national budget allocation and public investment associating with the national policies, strategies and action plans, identifying the role, functions and challenges of relevant responsible institutions and stakeholders.
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- Prepare an end-of-assignment report describing the work undertaken, progress towards achieving assignment objectives with conclusions and recommendations, and highlight any areas that would require follow up actions

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- University degree in / Advanced university degree in food security, nutrition, and/or agriculture
- At least 15 years of relevant experience in food security, nutrition, and/or agriculture
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in the policy and field position is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in agriculture, food security and nutrition policy
- Extent and relevance of experience in coordination with governments, academia, NGOs and private sector
- Familiarity with FAO work, procedures and rules is desirable
- Knowledge of Thailand would be an important asset in view of frequent exchange and consultation with the governments and other stakeholders

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

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
- 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/>

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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