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Deadline For Application: 28 July 2017

**JOB TITLE:** International Food Security/Cluster Coordination and IPC Specialist

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Damascus, Syria

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FAO REPRESENTATION IN SYRIA

**DURATION:** 11 months, with possibility of extension

*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.**

**\* This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC3885. Applicants who applied to VA IRC3885 must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.**

### Tasks and responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Syria, and the direct supervision of the Deputy FAOR, the International Food Security/Cluster Coordination and IPC officer will be responsible to provide expertise and managerial capacity for the food security and cluster coordination and IPC at country level.

The expert will, in particular, undertake the following activities:

- Provide expertise in food and nutrition security and information management to support FAO overall programme in Syria
- Co-lead the food and agriculture cluster with WFP and provide expertise to agriculture partner organizations involved in the cluster coordination
- Ensure that an efficient food and agriculture cluster partners regular and ad hoc coordination system is maintained
- Support FAO contribution to the formulation of emergency response plans for Syria led by OCHA
- Ensure appropriate links relevant stakeholders (partner organisations, ministry of agriculture, local authorities and others) is maintained to formulate FAO response to the cluster
- Ensure that FAO response to the sector is evidence based and guided by relevant assessments on the ground
- Support FAO regulars and ad hoc country level food security and information data collection (CFSAM, rapid food security assessments and others)
- Ensure links and coordination with other clusters such early recovery and nutrition to ensure coherence in FAO response for nutrition cluster
- Support FAO partner organizations and counterparts capacity building
- Provide expertise and develop a process to establish IPC at country level to support an efficient and evidence based food and nutrition security management in the country
- In close collaboration with all relevant stakeholders (WFP, UNICEF, NGOs, Ministry of Agriculture, FAO partner organisations and others) support the identification/ establishment of an IPC Technical Working Group in the country to ensure efficiency of the sector response to the crisis
- Supervise under his responsibility
- Liaise with the Regional Food and nutrition Security focal in RNE to ensure technical credibility, and consistency of the country level food security and IPC intervention
- Performance other duties as assigned

### Expected Outputs

At the end of the assignment, prepare an end of assignment report articulating achievement, difficulties encountered and recommendations

### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University Degree in in a relevant subject (e.g. development studies, agriculture, agriculture economics, food security, nutrition)
- At least 5 years of experience, including in humanitarian and food security assessment, early warning systems, data analysis and humanitarian response;
- Humanitarian experience in Syria and countries in the region;

- Excellent interpersonal communications and coordination skills, and proven ability to work constructively with a variety of stake holders to achieve common goals;
- Excellent report writing skills;
- Proven ability to work with people of different cultures and socio-economic background;
- Language proficiency: fluent in English and Arabic will be an asset

### **Competencies**

Result 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 field positions is desirable

Previous experience in similar positions

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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 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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