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Deadline For Application: 22 August 2017

JOB TITLE: Senior Evaluation Consultants

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home with country missions to Africa

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: OFFICE OF EVALUATION

DURATION: From 40-60 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.

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Background

The Office of Evaluation (OED) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is starting an evaluation of the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) program.

The ASTF is a funding vehicle for African governments and partners to commit un-earmarked resources for the pursuit of relevant national and regional priorities set under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), and in alignment with FAO strategic framework. The ASTF is hosted by FAO, which ensures its governance, administration, and provides technical assistance for the formulation, supervision and implementation of proposed activities.

The ASTF was launched in 2013, with a total contribution of USD 40 million, and has so far intervened in 36 African countries with an overarching goal to improve food security, reduce poverty, and eradicate hunger and malnutrition across the continent.

Objectives of the evaluation

The Evaluation will focus on key thematic areas identified based on their relevance to the regional priorities and the actual interventions of the ASTF programme. These include (i) employment, (ii) resilience and relief, and (iii) food security and nutrition.

The objective of the evaluation is to assess the relevance and effectiveness of the ASTF program by examining:

- The strategic positioning of the projects vis-à-vis FAO Strategic Framework, and the national/regional priorities in Africa, and
- The programme contributions to the three thematic areas/topics mentioned above.

Methodology

The evaluation will address a set of evaluation questions, which will be contextualized according to the countries, projects, and stakeholders involved. The evaluation team will gather and triangulate information from a number of sources, including FAO staff, beneficiaries, Government counterparts, development partners as well as distil evaluative information from relevant programme documentation. The evaluation will also make use of previous and on-going evaluations – including thematic, project, country and global evaluations relevant to the identified thematic areas. The evaluation team will also carry out field visits to a purposely selected sample of beneficiary and partner countries.

Timetable

The evaluation will be conducted between September 2017 and February 2018. The evaluation findings will be presented during the Regional Conference for Africa, planned in February 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan. The country missions will be carried out in October/ November and the first draft of the report will be produced by December of 2017.

Composition and profile of the evaluation team

The evaluation will be led by the FAO evaluation manager. It will avail itself of the inputs of senior consultants that will contribute into specific areas of the evaluation. On top of prior evaluation experience, the senior consultants should have expertise in the following areas:

- Employment;
 - Resilience and Livelihoods support;
 - Value chains and agribusiness; and
 - Rural development and gender
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Postgraduate degree (MSc or PhD) in relevant disciplines (Economics, Development Studies, Social Sciences, Agriculture in its broad understanding, Food and Nutrition Security);
- At least 15 years of relevant experience at international level in their fields of expertise;
- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in independent evaluations.
- Relevant country or regional experience
- Fluency in English

Additional selection criteria

- Excellent analysis, writing and verbal communication skills;
- Experience in designing, implementing and evaluating south to south cooperation projects
- Fluency in other official FAO languages (French and Portuguese)
- Knowledge of FAO's mandate and work in the region will be a plus

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The candidates should not have been involved in the design or implementation of any of the ASTF projects under evaluation.

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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