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Deadline For Application: 1 September 2017

JOB TITLE: International Team Leader (MED Diet)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant

DUTY: Home based with missions to

STATION: Tunisia and Lebanon

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

DURATION: 35 days (WAE), up to October 2018

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

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Organizational Setting

Mediterranean diets have been associated with reduced incidence of various chronic diseases, including coronary heart disease, mental health, and some types of cancer, as well as identified as examples of sustainable diets.

Tunisia and Lebanon have highlighted the importance of promoting healthy diets within the local context, in particular due to the increase in obesity and the associated Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

This project aims to generate evidence documenting whether and how Lebanese and Tunisian dietary consumption patterns have moved away from the traditional Mediterranean diet, in order to develop policies and population-level interventions that guarantee a healthy diet for all. In collaboration with nutrition research institutions in both countries, under the guidance of FAO, this project will achieve three objectives:

- to document changes in food consumption patterns, nutrient intake, and diet-related diseases in both countries.
- to produce evidence on the adherence or lack of to a traditional Mediterranean Diet in both countries through the application of the most recent indices.
- to generate information to be used by governments to improve adherence to the Mediterranean diet pattern through targeted interventions and improving its sustainability, within the food systems context of both countries.

The results from this project will make an essential contribution to improving our understanding of the production, availability, access to and consumption of foods that are part of the traditional Mediterranean diet, within country-specific contexts. The project's expected end date is October, 2018.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall supervision of the Budget Holder (Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa - RNE), the technical guidance of Lead Technical Officer (LTO) (Nutrition and Food Systems Division -ESN, FAO Headquarters) and in consultation with the national service providers, the International Team Leader will provide inputs to the project on when actually employed (WAE) basis and contribute to the facilitation of project activities. Specifically, the consultant will undertake the following tasks:

Tasks and responsibilities

- Participate in inception and/or stakeholders' workshops organized by the project and contribute to the preparation of the project implementation plan;
- Lead the discussions with the two research teams in Lebanon and Tunisia on the methodology to be used in assessing the adherence or lack of to the Mediterranean Diet;
- Ensure the timely delivery of the research teams according to the agreed milestones;
- Review the outputs of the analytical work by the two research teams and provide guidance if needed to improve the quality of analysis;
- Facilitate the discussion and sharing of experiences between the two teams;
- Provide inputs to the development of a culturally adapted Med Score for Tunisia and facilitate the discussion on the relevance of the other score to the contexts of Lebanon and Tunisia;
- Review and provide inputs to the final report and policy briefs produced by the research teams;
- Prepare and submit progress reports as per FAO procedures, and mission reports within two weeks of completing a country mission;
- Prepare an end of mission report high-lightening the orientations for expanding the project into phase II;
- Perform any other duties as required.
- Demonstrated ability for analytical work related to agricultural water economics;
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing;
- Limited knowledge of Arabic is desirable

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- An advanced University degree in nutrition, public health, agricultural economics with a nutrition focus or other related disciplines.
- Over 5 years of experience in analyzing food consumption studies supported by publications in the field.
- Working knowledge of English and French. Spoken Arabic is an asset.
- Previous experience in research on the Mediterranean Diet and in leading international research/interventions with a multidisciplinary/multicultural teams are desirable.

FAO Core Competencies

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

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 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
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HOW TO APPLY

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

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