



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4494

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Deadline For Application: 4 September 2017

Position Title:	Statistician (Agricultural Census And Surveys)	Grade Level: P-3
Organizational Unit:	Office of Director, ESSDD	Duty Station: Italy, Rome
		Duration *: Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number: 1054694
		CCOG Code: 1M02

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Statistics Division develops, and advocates for the implementation of methodologies and standards for data collection, validation, processing and analysis of food and agriculture statistics. In these statistical domains, it also plays a vital role in the compilation, processing and dissemination of internationally comparable data, and provides essential capacity building support to member countries. In addition, the Division disseminates many publications, working papers and statistical yearbooks, that cover agricultural and food security relevant statistics (including prices, investments, production, trade and agri-environmental statistical data).

The position is located in the Agricultural Census and Surveys Team is responsible for developing the methodological guidelines for the 2020 Round of the FAO World Programme for the Census of Agriculture (WCA), documenting country practices and assisting countries in carrying out their national agricultural census at least once every decade using standard international concepts, definitions and methodologies. The Team is also responsible for coordinating all the capacity development activities conducted by the Statistics Division in order to strengthen national agricultural statistical systems.

The position is located in Rome, Italy

Reporting Lines

The Statistician reports to the Senior Statistician/Leader of the Agricultural Censuses and Surveys Team under the overall guidance of the Director of ESS.,

Technical Focus

Monitoring and documentation of census and surveys implementation in countries, including compilation and validation of related metadata, and preparation of publications. Contribution to preparation of methodological and operational guidelines. Technical support to countries for the implementation of the guidelines and for the development of national systems of food and agricultural statistics.

Key Results

Research and analysis of information, data and statistics, and the maintenance and updating of related tools, methodologies, and/or databases to support the delivery of programme products, projects, publications, and services

Key Functions

- Researches and analyzes [agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related] data, statistics and information to provide technical, statistical and/or policy related information and analysis to support the delivery of economic and social development programmes work, products, projects, publications and services.
- Produces a variety of technical reports and input for technical documents, Departmental publications and/or web pages.
- Provides technical, statistical, and/or analytical services on various studies, projects, and/or assessments and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Participates in the development of improved/updated technical, statistical and/or analytical tools, methodologies, systems, databases, and/or key social/ economic/ environmental/ nutritional and/or early warning indicators, etc.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and

- committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving the planning and organizing of training workshops, seminars, and major meetings and the preparation of related information, materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities.

Specific Functions

- Contributes to the development of the methodological guidelines for the 2020 Round of the WCA
- Monitors and documents the implementation of censuses under the 2010 and 2020 Rounds of the FAO World Programme for the Census of Agriculture (WCA) and country practices.
- Collects, compiles, processes and validates the data and metadata of agricultural censuses and surveys conducted by countries.
- Contributes to methodological review of WCA rounds and compilation of international comparison tables and related publications.
- Provides technical advice to member countries in carrying out their national agricultural census and surveys using international standard concepts, definitions and methodologies.
- Formulates projects in food and agricultural statistics and technically backstops, monitors and evaluates statistical field projects in selected countries.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in statistics, mathematics, economics or a related field.
- Five years relevant experience in national statistics offices and/or in international organizations in applying statistical theory and techniques to design, plan and manage data collection and processing efforts for large scale agricultural surveys and/or censuses.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationship
- 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
- Extent and relevance of experience in designing, planning, conducting and managing agricultural surveys and/or censuses in developing countries
- Extent of knowledge and field experience in survey methodology in agriculture (including survey design, sampling, innovative data collection methods, computing and data analysis applying statistical techniques).
- Extent of knowledge and field experience in project design/formulation and in coordinating projects in assigned areas of responsibility
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports/documents in English is considered a strong asset

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “How to Apply”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years

- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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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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