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Deadline For Application: 19-Oct-2017

JOB TITLE: International Consultant (Disease Surveillance / Epidemiology Specialist)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant / PSA (Category – B)

DUTY STATION: Kabul – Afghanistan

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO REPRESENTATION – AFGHANISTAN

DURATION: 45 days over period of 4 months

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 FAO in Afghanistan assists the Government to develop policies, programmes and projects to address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition; to help the Government develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors and to use the environmental and natural resources in a suitable way. It participates in the development of FAO's field projects in the country and implements it, including the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the damaged relevant sectors. This particular project is targeted at the value chains industry development / infrastructure in western region of Afghanistan with particular focus on Herat province.

The post is located in the FAO Representation and the position is designed under the FAO project (Food and Mouth Diseases / OSRO/AFG/402/JPN) in Kabul - Afghanistan.

Reporting Lines

Within the framework of ECTAD, under the general guidance of the FAO Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) in headquarters, the direct supervision of the International Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) and in close collaboration with the FAO Representative in Afghanistan and the General Director of Animal Health and Livestock specially with Central Epidemiology Department (CED), the incumbent will be responsible for the following activities:

Technical Focus

Tasks and responsibilities

- Assist with design awareness material and submit it to the approval of the Project Technical Team (PTC) and National Project Coordinator Director and International Chief Technical Advisor jointly with the other field officers;
- Prepare training modules to be delivered to district and field veterinarians and para-veterinarians related to the participatory disease surveillance / epidemiological component of the field activities (Specifically passive and active surveillance) in consultation with Central Epidemiology Department (CED);
- Be the trainer for those activities mentioned above and included in the training modules;
- Travel within the country jointly with CED to visit outbreak sites as appropriate to collect additional data with CED Staff for a better characterization of the FMD and PPR outbreaks;
- Ensure that the technical specifications for the procurement to be finalized for the component on epidemiology are appropriate and consistent with project objectives;
- Work in close collaboration with CED and other field officers to design serological surveys and post- vaccination monitoring surveys;
- Assist Animal Health Director (AHD) and CED in designing the format of the periodical bulletin that the FMD information system will publish;
- Provide to the International Chief Technical Advisor six months project reports;
- Support the staff of the AHD and CED through the project to participate in regional training workshops as appropriate;
- Prepare annual work-plans for being submitted to the International Chief Technical Advisor, General Directorate of Animal Health and Livestock and CED;
- Assist as appropriate national authorities in preparing national livestock disease control strategic plans; and
- Undertake other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- University degree in / advanced university degree in livestock, veterinary, animal health or closely related field
- At least 10 years of relevant experience in epidemiology, laboratory diagnosis and regulatory livestock disease control with specific reference to large and small ruminants
- 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

- Previous working experience in the region and FMD related projects or activities will be highly desirable
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions, is desirable
- Strong knowledge and understanding of FAO projects;
- Extensive field experience in developing countries.
- Demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in English
- Relevance of experience in Asia and the Pacific region is desirable
- Knowledge of FAO's project approval processes and Field Project Monitoring and Information System (FPMIS) would be an asset
- Demonstrated analytical and conceptual skills with ability to analyse and integrate diverse information from various sources
- Familiarity with the UN Communications rules and procedures, experience in developing communications strategies for the UN is necessary.

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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