



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4761

**Issued on:** 06 October 2017

**Deadline For Application:** 20 October 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Economist (Country Monitoring)

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant or PSA

**DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** TRADE AND MARKETS DIVISION (EST)  
GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM  
(GIEWS)

**DURATION:** Up to 11 months (with possible 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.**

#### Organizational Setting

The Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS), based in the Trade and Markets Division (EST), continuously monitors food supply and demand and other key indicators for assessing the overall food security situation in all countries of the world. It issues regular analytical and objective reports on the prevailing conditions and provides early warnings of impending food crises at country or regional level. At the request of national authorities, GIEWS supports countries in gathering evidence to inform policy decisions and planning by development partners, through its Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions (CFSAMs), fielded jointly with WFP. In country-level application of tools for earth observation and price monitoring, GIEWS also supports countries in building and strengthening national capacities in managing food security related information.

#### Reporting Lines

The consultant/PSA will report to the Senior Economist/Team Leader of the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS).

#### Technical Focus

Under the overall guidance of the Senior Economist/Team Leader of the GIEWS, the consultant/PSA will monitor and prepare analytical appraisals of the current and prospective food security situation in assigned countries. This will also require work on improving the collection and regular flow of basic data and information at country level and to liaise with relevant national and international institutions and stakeholders dealing with food security information.

#### Tasks and responsibilities

- Analyse the food supply/demand situations in the countries of assignment and monitor all types of information bearing on crop prospects, food production, consumption, trade, stocks, prices and policies.
- Maintain the Cereal Country Balance Sheets (CCBS) for assigned countries and regularly update other food security indicators.
- Prepare special alerts/reports for issuance to the international community on specific food problem situations which are imminent and may require international assistance.
- Participate in FAO/WFP Crop and Food Security Assessments Missions (CFSAMs) to affected or vulnerable countries to assess agricultural production and food supply situation, including emerging food deficits, which may require international assistance.
- Draft monthly assessments on market and price situation in assigned countries for inclusion in the "Food Price Monitor and Analysis" website and "Global Price Monitor" bulletin.
- Contribute to GIEWS regular reports: Country Briefs, Crop Prospects and Food Situation, and Special Alerts/Reports.
- Prepare recommendations for food security interventions based on analysis of food security indicators for the countries of assignment.
- Participate in media interviews related to food supply/demand outlook and food security situation in the assigned countries.
- Provide technical support to capacity building projects in the areas of early warning information systems and other market and food security analysis, in the assigned countries.
- Perform other related duties, as required.

#### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

##### Minimum Requirements

- **For consultants:** advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or related field.  
**For PSAs:** university degree in economics, agricultural economics or related field.
- Five years of relevant professional experience in economic analysis and food security monitoring in developing countries.
- Working experience in an international environment.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other languages of the Organization (French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian).

## **FAO Core Competencies**

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

## **Technical/Functional Skills**

- Extent and relevance of experience in food security monitoring in developing countries.
- Extent and relevance of experience in economic analysis related to food security issues in developing countries.
- Depth of familiarity with relevant information systems on food and agriculture and methods of monitoring food security.
- Ability to use/interpret satellite-based data for monitoring crop production is desirable.
- Work experience in developing countries is desirable.
- Demonstrated ability to write clearly and concisely and to work under strict deadlines.

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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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