



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4772

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Deadline For Application: 20 October 2017

JOB TITLE: International Consultant (Resilience Humanitarian Policy Officer / Expert)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant (B-Level)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO REPRESENTATION – AFGHANISTAN

DUTY STATION: Kabul, Afghanistan

DURATION: 11 Months on WAE bases (Extendable)

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.

FAO works with three counterpart ministries – the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, the Ministry of Energy and Water and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. The FAO Representation is based in Kabul with regional offices in Herat, Jalalabad, Kandahar, Mazar-e-Sharif, Kunduz and Provincial offices in Badakhshan, Bamyan, Kapisa and Parwan.

The post is located in the FAO Representation, Kabul – Afghanistan.

Reporting Lines

The International Consultant (Resilience Humanitarian Policy Officer) will report directly to the FAO Representative / Budget Holder (FAOR/BH) and within the overall context of FAO's resilience agenda (SO5), the Resilience Humanitarian Policy Consultant will assist the Resilience team FAO Afghanistan.

Technical Focus

Policy, donor and country brief preparation, capacity build on resource mobilization in FAO Afghanistan staff, visibility improved for food security and livelihoods and develop concept notes for resilience / disaster risk reduction / emergency preparedness response.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Liaise with donors and partners for resource mobilization and strengthen links with the United Nations System funding mechanism (e.g. Common Humanitarian Fund/CHF, United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security) in close collaboration with Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) and IPC/MAIL.
- Support and capacity development of FAO staff related to resource mobilization and United Nations system funding mechanism.
- Liaise with UNHCR and other relevant organization to strengthen cooperation in resilience and rehabilitation programmes and projects related to integration of returnees and IDPs.
- Prepare policy notes as well as briefing material for FAOR for meetings and communications with resource and strategic partners, United Nations agencies, National Counterparts, international organizations and regional organizations.
- Support FAO participation in intergovernmental and UN system processes such as the FSAC Working Group, the Humanitarian Coordination Team (HCT), and Integration Working Group meetings.
- Undertake field missions as required (e.g. any emergency outbreak in the country).
- Support the national staff on concept note preparation and development.
- Analyse the data and information collected from the field offices related to emergency and resilience responses and provide the narrative report.
- Perform other relevant duties as requested.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in political science, international relation / cooperation, project management, agriculture or closely related field
- At least 07 years of relevant experience in resource mobilization, DRR, emergency response policy and concept note development, project formulation, information management, project management or closely related field.
- 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 familiarity with the country situation 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;
- Extent and relevance of experience in preparation of projects and programmatic approaches (particularly irrigation, project management and animal health or livestock projects) and in results-based monitoring and supervision of multidisciplinary 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

- 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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