



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4822

**Issued on:** 10 October 2017

**Deadline For Application:** 24 October 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Food Education and Behavioural Strategies Specialist

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant or PSA

**DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS DIVISION, ESN  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ES

**DURATION:** Up to 11 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

FAO's Nutrition and Food systems Division assists Member Countries to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition, as well as support with appropriate policies, strategies and methodologies for improving the efficiency and inclusiveness of their food and agricultural systems. As a knowledge leader, areas addressed include dietary assessment, support on nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes, effective nutrition promotion programmes, food value chains, market linkages, post-harvest handling and agro-processing. FAO is committed to support Member States in their efforts to improve nutritional outcomes as stated in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition (November 2014) and to mainstream nutrition into FAO's strategic objectives.

#### Reporting Lines

The Consultant/ PSA works under the overall guidance of the Director, Nutrition and Food Systems Division and direct supervision of a Senior Officer.

#### Technical Focus

The technical focus of the work is on reinforcing the capacity of countries to develop and implement food based dietary guidelines, and on elaborating tools, materials and guidance for behaviour-focused food and nutrition education programs and strategies.

#### Tasks and responsibilities

The Consultant/ PSA will provide technical support to FAO's work in the development and implementation of food based dietary guidelines, professional capacity development in food and nutrition education, and design and evaluation of food education programs. Tasks and responsibilities will include the following:

- Assist with developing innovative approaches, guidelines and resource materials in support of food education and dietary behaviour change strategies in school settings and at community level.
- Provide technical assistance to FAO member countries to reinforce their capacities in developing and implementing food-based dietary guidelines, and in behaviour-focused food education programmes and strategies.
- Compile evidence, lessons and good practices in the development and implementation of food-based dietary guidelines (FBDGs) to guide coherent multi-sectoral policies.
- Assist in the development, testing and implementation of tools for integrating food education in policies and programmes.
- Assist in resource mobilisation for country, regional and global level work on FBDGs, and for the implementation of behaviour-focused food education programmes and strategies.
- Assist in building the evidence for promoting and integrating sustainability into FBDGs, and food education programmes and strategies.
- Perform other duties as required.

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#### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

##### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (for Consultants) / University degree (only for PSA) in Human Nutrition, Public Health, Agricultural Education, Food Science, Agronomy, Food Anthropology, Behavioural Economics, or other related fields;
- A minimum of one (Level C) or five years (Level B) of relevant work experience in food and nutrition education (programme development, implementation, and evaluation, and capacity building at national, subregional, and regional levels);
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian (for PSA only one language may be required).

**FAO Core Competencies**

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

**Technical/Functional Skills**

- Work experience in developing and implementing FBDGs including extent of knowledge of required data collection and analysis;
- Experience in the development, implementation and delivery of nutrition education and training programmes in different professional sectors and settings (schools, community, early infant feeding, etc.) Extent and relevance of experience in nutrition education and behaviour change approaches;
- Experience in integrating sustainability and food systems approaches into FBDGs and food and nutrition education;
- Experience in integrating nutrition in food security interventions and community-based work in developing countries;
- Familiarity with the concept of sustainable diets and sustainability frameworks in the context of food systems.

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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**

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

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