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Deadline For Application: 25 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Pastoralism Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGAG/AGAS (AGA)

DURATION: 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

The Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) promotes and facilitates the sustainable development of the livestock sector. It manages technical programmes and hosts technical networks in the areas of animal genetics, animal feeding and pastoralism, among others. AGA integrates scientific, technical expertise and policy advice, it facilitates policy dialogue (including through intergovernmental bodies), encourages good governance, manages knowledge and provides information, analysis and technical assistance for the development and implementation of innovative solutions to improve livestock productivity in a sustainable manner.

The post is located in the Animal Genetic Resources Branch (AGAG). The activities of the Unit cover all production systems, from pastoralism to intensive systems, including crop-livestock integrated systems; and aim to enhance their sustainability in its three dimensions: environmental, economic and social.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall supervision of the Senior Animal Production Officer, AGAG/AGAS, and the direct supervision of the Officer in charge of pastoralism related activities, the consultant will be asked to contribute to the delivery of outputs and products according to the ongoing projects' and programmes' objectives.

Technical Focus

Pastoral Economy; Agricultural Economics; Rural Development; Animal Productions; Socio-economic Surveys; Farmer Capacity Building

Tasks and responsibilities

In close collaboration with all team members, the consultant is expected to:

- Monitor and manage the progress of the "Pastoralists driven management information system" project, mainly by: monitoring the process of data collection in the three countries through the CAPI software "Open Foris Collect"; providing follow-up and technical backstopping to the implementing partners; writing progress reports for internal distribution and for the funding partner;
- Provide expertise and support the implementation of other FAO field projects in livestock sector development;
- Contribute to the preparation and implementation of FAO's action plan and interventions to address challenges related to agriculture sustainability, rural poverty, and farmer resilience;
- Contribute to/edit reports, manuals, guidelines, other specialized publications as they relate to animal production, good farming/livestock practices, producer organizations;
- Perform any other tasks as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- PhD in Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Institutional Economics or related fields;
- Working knowledge of English, French, or Spanish, and limited knowledge of one of the other two.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in one or more areas of work of the PKH (pastoral areas);
- Extent and relevance of experience in data collection, fieldwork, survey design, and project management;
- Extent and relevance experience in agricultural economics and pastoral economy, relating to development issues;
- Extent and relevance of experience in using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) softwares;
- Demonstrated skills and experience in writing project-related documents and reports;
- Familiarity with civil society organizations and research institutes;
- Familiarity with the tools and procedures of international organizations and donors of funds.

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be assessed against the requirements listed above.

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.

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