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Deadline For Application: 26 October 2017

JOB TITLE: **International Consultant – Food Safety**

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Dhaka, Bangladesh

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FABGD

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

Since 2012, FAO is implementing a wide ranging programme funded by the Kingdom of the Netherlands with the aim of improving food safety in Bangladesh. Through the provision of technical support for infrastructure and capacity development, the programme is strengthening the key building blocks of food control. These include analytical laboratories, food standards, consumer awareness, the institutionalization of food safety, the food borne-illness surveillance system, the risk-based inspection and enforcement system and enhanced food safety controls in three sub-sectors – poultry, fisheries and horticulture – as well as street-vended food. The programme has seven components, works in direct partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has a strong relationship with 6 other Ministries, three city corporations, a network of civil society organizations and key academic institutions in the country. The programme has chalked up notable results including the establishment of a fully-functional state-of-the-art National Food Safety Laboratory and its network; enhanced Bangladesh's participation in Codex food standards formulation; delivered targeted campaigns on food safety to women and children directly and through mass media; set up data and evidence gathering mechanisms on food-borne illnesses and common hazards in food; harmonized risk-based inspection protocols; developed model safe value chains and established linkages between these outputs and the Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) formed in 2015.

The programme is scheduled to end in December 2018 and is currently working with its partners to institutionalise the systems and ensure their full incorporation into current and future plans of the Government of Bangladesh with budgets and/or ensure that they are self-sustaining. To this end, FAO Bangladesh intends to recruit an energetic and persevering International Consultant to ensure that all the principal outputs are well consolidated and the knowledge from this comprehensive effort in Bangladesh is well recorded and managed.

Reporting Lines

The FAO Representative in Bangladesh will provide overall strategic guidance. The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the Officer-in-Charge of the Food Safety Project and in close collaboration with the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) and Operations Officer.

Technical Focus

The technical focus of this position covers issues associated with Food safety and Food Science and technology.

Tasks and responsibilities

The International Consultant will carry out the following specific tasks:

- Support the OiC and the Operations Officer with work planning and follow up till the NTE of the project
- Work with the Food Safety Project team on detailing the outputs of each component and identifying the key issues for follow up with counterparts in the Government of Bangladesh and beyond. These include
 - The efficient data generation capacity and activity of the flagship National Food Safety Laboratory
 - The continued liaison and co-ordination role of the Codex Secretariat in the BSTI
 - The strong role of the NGO-led Bangladesh Food Safety Network as the premier consumer awareness grouping
 - The consolidation of the principal information and evidence collection systems established within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the conduit for information sharing with the BFSA
 - The sustained activity of the national food-borne illness surveillance system
 - The continuous capacity building of the inspectorate for domestic food control and imports
 - The adoption and upscaling of Codes of Practice and GAP by the Ministries of Agriculture as well as Fisheries and Livestock
 - The institutionalization of control of street food vending systems within the Ministry of Local Government and city corporations
 - Lead and support discussions along with key project team members with the relevant Ministries and departments the above
 - Assure continuity of successful existing approaches and systems through Government and/or other support
 - Collate existing information on all technical outputs including from LoAs, consultant reports and meeting reports
 - Oversee and ensure the completion of technical peer-reviewed analysis of data from the commodity survey and the inspectorate
 - Organize field data collection, as required, for impact measurement of interventions in the value chains
 - Conduct surveys in urban areas where street-food vending interventions have been implemented
 - Prepare the draft of a consolidated technical report of the project and derive case studies

- Organize the publication (electronic or paper, as required) of all technical documents including guidelines, manuals, SOPs, training modules including translation (as required)

Expected Outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ All technical outputs of the project are collated in electronic form➤ Agreements with relevant stakeholders on business continuity plans➤ Successful case studies demonstrated and lessons learnt during implementation documented➤ A complete draft technical report describing activities delivered, key achievements and recommendations on the way forward for capacity building in food control in Bangladesh	Required Completion Date: 30 November 2018
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in food science, technology, food safety, or related disciplines;
- At least five years' experience in activities related to national food control systems and capacity building in major areas of food safety;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian
The assignment involves extensive local travel and occasional travel if required to the Regional Office in Bangkok

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience in working on preventive risk-based approach involving different stakeholders;
- Understanding and knowledge of regulatory standards and other food safety and hygiene requirements;
- Computer knowledge and skills on word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software; good presentation skills;
- The consultant is expected to deliver the outputs with technical independence

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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