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Deadline For Application: 02 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Evaluation Consultant

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home-based with duty travel to African countries

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: OFFICE OF EVALUATION

DURATION: 40-50 days

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.

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Background

The Office of Evaluation (OED) is launching a cluster evaluation of two related German-funded projects, "Establishing a Hunger-free Initiative in West Africa" (GCP/RAF/476/GER), and "Mainstreaming Nutrition in CAADP and Agriculture Policies and Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa" (GCP/RAF/477/GER).

These projects focus on mainstreaming nutrition in regional, sub-regional and country agricultural policies and investment plans in Africa by providing frameworks and platforms for engagement and cooperation of stakeholders and supporting existing ones, and by strengthening the capacity of State and non-State actors.

The combined outcome statement of the two projects is "Governments, regional organisations and their development partners adopt policies and strategies that maximise the nutritional impact and sustainability of food and agriculture systems; and Governmental and non-governmental partners are collaborating more strongly and have increased their efforts towards the eradication of hunger and malnutrition".

Objectives of the Evaluation

The objective of the evaluation is to assess the relevance and effectiveness of these two projects by examining:

- The strategic positioning of the projects vis a vis FAO's Strategic Framework and the regional/sub-regional/national priorities in Africa and
- The projects' contributions, through their stated outcomes and outputs, to the achievement of the aims of reducing the prevalence of hunger and malnutrition and advance the realisation of the Right to Food, and of improving the food and nutrition security and in particular dietary diversity and adequacy of vulnerable households in sub-Saharan Africa.

Methodology

The evaluation will be informed by overall evaluation Terms of Reference including an evaluation methodology. The evaluation team will gather and triangulate information from a number of sources, including FAO and other UN agency staff, Government counterparts, representatives of regional and sub-regional coordination bodies and development partners. The team will also distil evaluative information from relevant programme documentation. The evaluation will make use of previous and on-going evaluations carried out by OED and others, including thematic, project, country and global evaluations relevant to the identified thematic areas. The evaluation team will focus on the regional and national levels, and to do so will carry out field visits to a selected sample of countries, to be determined following a preliminary scoping phase.

Timetable

The evaluation will be conducted between October 2017 and February 2018. The country missions will be carried out in November/December 2017, and the first draft of the report will be produced indicatively by January 2018.

Composition and profile of the Evaluation Team

The evaluation will be co-led by the FAO evaluation manager. It will avail itself of the inputs of a senior consultant, who will undertake the fieldwork and will be responsible for drafting the evaluation report. Besides proven prior evaluation experience, the senior consultant should have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Nutrition and Food Security
- Policy processes and investment plans
- Agriculture and related sectors

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Postgraduate degree (MA, MSc or PhD) in relevant disciplines (Food and Nutrition, Development Studies, Social Sciences, Agriculture in its broad understanding, International Studies);
- At least 15 years of relevant experience at the international level in their area of expertise;
- Previous experience in leading and/or conducting independent evaluations;
- Relevant experience in the Africa region and in the 15 member countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
- Working knowledge of English, and limited knowledge of another FAO language (French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian).

Additional selection criteria

- Excellent analytical, writing and verbal communications skills;
- Experience in designing, implementing and/or evaluating integration of nutrition and the right to food in national agricultural programmes, investment plans and strategies, including within the frameworks of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the Regional Agricultural Policy for ECOWAS (ECOWAP) and National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIP);
- Knowledge of FAO's mandate and work in the region will be a plus.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The candidates should not have been involved in the design or implementation of either projects under evaluation.
- 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.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/i-recruitment-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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