



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4962

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Deadline For Application: 03 November 2017

JOB TITLE: FOOD SECURITY EXPERT

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant

DUTY STATION: Dakar – Senegal with frequent travels to countries in West Africa/Sahel

DURATION: 4 months (renewable)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Sub-regional team for Resilience - West Africa/Sahel (REOWA)

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

In 2006, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has opened the Sub-regional team for Resilience - West Africa/Sahel (REOWA) office in Dakar to provide strategic orientation for FAO's emergency and rehabilitation programme on the ground and to coordinate and act as liaison between the various FAO Offices and the existing humanitarian aid network in the sub region, based in Dakar. In line with FAO's Strategic Objective 5 "Increasing resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises", REOWA is strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities' livelihoods, especially through better prevention and mitigation, improved preparedness and response to recurrent food security, nutrition and pastoral crises and promotion of information for decision and action.

The Sub-regional Resilience Team for West Africa/Sahel (REOWA) enables FAO to liaise and coordinate with the large humanitarian and resilience community based in Dakar. It also provides FAO Representation in the sub-region with Strategic support on resilience issue. REOWA covers the 15 ECOWAS countries plus Mauritania and Chad. REOWA facilitates the contribution of FAO Cameroon to the Sahel humanitarian Appeal (HRP) consolidated in Dakar.

Reporting Lines

The food security expert will work under the direct supervision of the REOWA team Coordinator, in close collaboration with the FAO's Office for Africa (RAF), the FAO Country Representations in the Sahel and West Africa, technical divisions and partners.

Technical Focus

Timely, coherent and effective food security response by mobilizing stakeholders to respond in a strategic manner to a humanitarian crisis.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Support REOWA and FAORs (remotely or through in-country mission) in analysing the food security, nutrition and livelihoods situation;
- Contribute to agricultural emergency and rehabilitation needs identification in the affected countries;
- Develop food security and nutrition assessments adapted to the context of countries in crisis, including in the data management, analysis and reporting ;
- Design the technical component of project proposals and humanitarian appeals;
- Support REOWA in the surveillance and monitoring of the food and nutrition situation in the Sahel and West Africa,
- Contribute and participate in joint missions to assess the agricultural campaign, food security and markets;
- Contribute and facilitate the analysis tool for vulnerability to food insecurity used in the Sahel and West Africa (*Cadre Harmonisé*);
- In collaboration with other members of REOWA team, contribute to the development and dissemination of clear and concise progress reports and, situation analyses adapted to various audiences (experts, donors, politics etc.);
- In collaboration with WFP, release monthly joint FAO/WFP food security notes, alerts and food security forecasts;
- Recommend and advise the Coordinator of the Sub regional Resilience Team for West Africa / Sahel and the Communications Officer on the collection of additional data/information required internally and externally to support humanitarian decision-making and advocacy;
- Promote the use of the *Cadre Harmonisé* as a strategic tool that integrate food and nutrition security analysis through the participation in the Food Crisis Prevention and Management Network PREGEC;
- Contribute to the technical improvement of *Cadre Harmonisé* and participate in the national and regional Cadre Harmonisé exercises and training on early warning systems;
- Contribute to the programme management of REOWA by participating in inter agency meetings, facilitating information sharing, planning/coordinating internal activities, and monitoring the timely implementation of the team's decisions;
- Execute any other task under his/her competencies as requested

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in political sciences, agricultural economics, development economics, rural sociology, food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture (including livestock, forestry and fisheries), or related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in technical cooperation related activities, policy advice and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes.
- Excellent working knowledge of French and English.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in technical cooperation related activities, policy advice and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes.
- Extent and relevance of experience in working with inter-agencies, inter-non-governmental organization, inter-governmental bodies and multi-disciplinary teams.
- Familiarity with West Africa and Sahel context.

Selection Criteria

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "How to Apply"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.

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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