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Deadline For Application: 3 November 2017

JOB TITLE: International Technical Advisor (ECTAD)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant

DUTY STATION: Vientiane, Lao PDR

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO REPRESENTATION IN LAO PDR

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 main aim of FAO Country Offices, headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner. FAO Lao PDR assists the Government to develop policies, programmes and projects to address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition, to develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors and to use environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner. FAO participates in the development and implementation of field projects in the sectors of food security, agriculture and rural development. This requires the integration within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture that aims at increasing production and productivity, addressing climate change, and managing natural resources; and enhance rural livelihoods.

The Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) unit in FAOLA is dedicated to working with the government in preventing and controlling emerging infectious and zoonotic diseases working closely with national stakeholders in the animal production and health sector.

Reporting Lines

The International Technical Advisor (ECTAD) will report directly to the FAOR Representative and Budget Holder (BH) at FAOLA and will be under the technical guidance/supervision of the ECTAD Regional Manager in the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), Bangkok, working in close collaboration with the National Project Coordinator. The incumbent will also collaborate with FAO staff in the FAO Representation in Lao PDR and ECTAD RAP as well as with national project counterparts.

Technical Focus

The International Technical Advisor (ECTAD) will provide technical input for and managerial assistance with the activities of the "Immediate technical assistance to strengthen emergency preparedness for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) OSRO/LAO/401/USA" project.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Assist in the overall management and implementation of the projects under ECTAD in Lao PDR;
- Advise the Government of Lao PDR on any technical matters related to its national Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and other animal influenza of zoonotic importance, other transboundary animal diseases (TAD) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) control programmes;
- Provide technical advice to all FAO multi-disciplinary programmes and projects related to management of HPAI, TADs and AMR under preparation or under implementation in Lao PDR;
- Support the FAO Representative in liaising with the Government of Lao PDR, the international donor community and multilateral agencies in all matters related to the HPAI, other TADs and AMR prevention and control programmes and activities;
- Maintain direct links with the international donor community and national and international Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) with regard to the ECTAD country programme;
- Identify potential donors to support the HPAI, other TADs and AMR programmes in Cambodia and prepare project concept notes and proposals;
- Promote submission of field samples to reference centres/laboratories for agent characterization (Avian Influenza viruses or others);
- Provide timely epidemiologically relevant information to Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES) Asia, and assist in validating or verifying animal disease events of concern;
- Travel frequently to project sites in the country to monitor and ensure the smooth implementation of all ECTAD country programme;
- Assist in ensuring timely submission of reports to the Government, FAO and donors;
- Submit to FAO a comprehensive final technical report upon completion of the assignment.

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in veterinary sciences, biomedical sciences or any related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in providing support to animal health projects and programmes;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

FAO Core Competencies

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

Selection criteria

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable;
- Extent and relevance of experience in animal health related project management;
- Understanding of FAO policies and programmes is considered a strong asset;
- Experience in animal disease control in Asia with regional organizations like ASEAN, SAARC and other relevant bodies;
- Extent of experience in formulation, implementation and monitoring of animal health projects;
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaison with partners and institutional contexts;

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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