



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5144

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Deadline For Application: 8 March 2018

Position Title: Chief Technical Advisor (Food Security)

Grade Level: P-5

Duty Station: South Sudan, Juba

Organizational Unit: FAO Representation in South Sudan, FRSSD

Duration *: Fixed term: one year with
possibility of extension

Post Number: 2006200

CCOG Code:

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The main aim of the FAO country offices, which are 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.

The FAO Representation in South Sudan is organized around three main units: Programme, Operations and Administration. The Programme Team is responsible for the provision of: i) information analysis and planning, ii) policy/project formulation, iii) procedural/technical guidance and coordination, iv) corporate monitoring and reporting on the field programme/project and for Country Programming Frameworks; and iv) advisory support to decentralized offices. The current portfolio of projects in South Sudan includes activities related to Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Natural Resource Management developed and implemented with humanitarian, transitional and development funding. The incumbent will contribute to the country's programme and portfolio as foreseen in the project he/she will coordinate.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Food Security Officer and Project Manager reports to the FAO Representative for South Sudan, and works in close collaboration with the Programme/Operations/Administrative Units in consultation with the Lead Technical officer of Food security analysis projects, the Resilience unit (SP5) and other relevant Technical Units at FAO headquarters, at regional level RAF and sub-regional level (Sub regional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE)) .

Technical Focus

Lead and supervise FAO Food security unit and lead food security information analysis and dissemination for South Sudan. Ensure the standards conformity of all documentation issued by FAO south Sudan at national regional and international level. Guide the strategic direction of FAO South Sudan programmatic area including conceptual frameworks, methods and communication strategies. Manage and coordinate the project "Strengthening the Livelihoods Resilience of Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Communities in South Sudan's Cross-Border Areas with Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda" focused on food security analysis and cross border resilience.

Key Results

Leadership and technical expertise for the planning, development and implementation of projects, related-products, and services.

Key functions

- Leads the development, implementation and evaluation on technical issues of assigned project and agriculture and food security programme and results; directs review of relevant documents and reports; identifies priorities, liaises with relevant parties; identifies and initiates follow-up actions;
- Coordinates the project, the agriculture and food security programme and reviews the assessments of issues and trends for the implementation and the preparation of impact evaluation or equivalent studies;
- Supervises preparation of various written food security, livelihood and resilience outputs and researches, e.g. presentations, briefs, background papers, analysis, substantial sections of reports and studies, inputs to publications; and significantly contributes to the food security policies and publications;
- Directs substantive support to coordination and other meetings, conferences, to include proposing agenda topics, identifying participants, preparation of documents and presentations;

- Manages outreach activities; designs and coordinates training workshops, seminars, makes presentations on project related topics and specifically on agriculture and food security with the government, stakeholders, implementing partners and service providers;
- Leads and coordinates field missions (including international travels), including provision of guidance to food security related supports from HQ, regional and sub-regional offices, external consultants, government officials and other parties;
- Provides advice to develop policies and strategies as well as national protocols and guidelines for projects with specific domains related to FAO's work.

Specific Functions

- Develops the project strategy, supervises its implementation and proposes relevant adjustments- in particular coherence among the four project results (food security and nutrition and early warning, animal health and production, agro-pastoralism, livestock marketing and natural resource management), alignment of conceptual frameworks and synergies across the four results, and maintaining the communication strategy;
- Plans and supervises FAO lead or contribution in the major food security and nutrition assessment and analysis (IPC, CFSAM, SUN movement, Nutrition assessment, FSNMS, etc.);
- Oversees quality agriculture and food security situation analysis and early warning in South Sudan, ensuring adequate communication and advocacy, and to provide support to decision making;
- Provide expert advice to FAO SS Management and Programme Unit, as well as relevant stakeholders (government, FSL Clusters, donors, UN Agencies, NGOs, and other implementing partners) on agriculture and food security and early warning;
- Leads, supervises and manages the establishment, organization and functioning of the project operational structure and Programme Support Unit, including the effective coordination of the task officers in charge of specific results/ cluster portfolio;
- Identifies issues of relevance to South Sudan cross-border development and make arrangements to discuss possibilities for improving cross-border cooperation to enhance the implementation of the project;
- Leads the development and strengthening of the capacity of local institutions and organizations and communities;
- Ensure participation and representation in higher level coordination system including regional fora, Project Steering Committee (PSC) and promote establishment of multi-stakeholder consultation platforms including IGAD, specialized Institutions, such as ICPALD, CEWARN, ICPAC and FAO counterparts in RTEA, RAF, SFE and HQ;
- Ensures that project interventions take into account gender differentiated needs of beneficiaries;
- Performs any other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Food Security, or other fields related to the FAO mandate;
- Ten years of relevant experience in technical cooperation-related activities, and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes
- Working knowledge English and limited knowledge of a second official FAO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Extent and relevance of experience in evidence-based resilience and humanitarian programming, in humanitarian information management including food security analysis preferably in the region and/or countries sharing a common border with South Sudan ;
- Extent and relevance of experience in supporting multi-stakeholder processes;
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaising and build partnerships with UN, NGO, and government institutions;
- Relevant experience managing EU funded projects is considered a strong asset ;

- Limited knowledge of Arabic will be considered as an asset;
- Experience with FAO and knowledge of FAO rules and procedures would be an asset.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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 recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

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. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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