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Deadline For Application: **15 March 2018**

POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Food Security Information Systems)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO REPRESENTATION IN BANGLADESH	DURATION*:	Fixed-term: 1 year (with the possibility of extension)
		POST NUMBER:	2006733
		CCOG CODE:	1L09

* 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

FAO Bangladesh assists the Government to formulate policies, programmes and projects to address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition, develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and utilize environmental and natural resources in a sustainable way. It contributes to the development of FAO's field projects in the country and implements them in the sectors of food security, agriculture and rural development.

"Meeting the Undernutrition Challenge (MUCH)" is the follow-up project of the National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme (NFPCSP) and is based in the Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU) of the Ministry of Food (MoFood) in Bangladesh. The MUCH project broadens the scope of NFPCSP's interventions by extending support to other core ministries, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the private sector, endeavoring to achieve a strengthened enabling environment for eradicating food insecurity and malnutrition. It does this by improving, in particular, (i) cross-sectoral and sectoral policies and investment programmes for food security and nutrition (FSN) that are gender sensitive; (ii) human and organizational resource development for FSN; (iii) financial resource allocation for FSN; (iv) inclusiveness of governance and coordination mechanisms for FSN; and (v) comprehensiveness of information generation to support FSN policy formulation and programming.

The post is located in the MUCH project office hosted by the FPMU, MoFood in Bangladesh as well as in the FAO Representation.

Reporting Lines

The Economist (Food Security Information Systems) reports to the FAO Representative in Bangladesh and to the MUCH Chief Technical Adviser (CTA) on technical issues.

Technical Focus

FSN information system development, data exchange, generation, management and dissemination, FSN data analysis to assist with informed decision-making.

Key Results

Research and analysis of information, data and statistics, and the maintenance and updating of related tools, methodologies, and/or databases to support the delivery of programme products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyses agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and gender related data, statistics and information to provide technical, statistical and/or policy related information and analysis to support the delivery of economic and social development programmes work, products, projects, publications and services.
- Produces a variety of technical reports and input for technical documents, publications and/or web pages.
- Provides technical, statistical, and/or analytical services on various studies, projects, and/or assessments and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Participates in the development of improved/updated technical, statistical and/or analytical tools, methodologies, systems, databases, and/or key social/ economic/ environmental/ nutritional and/or early warning indicators, etc.
- Participates in multidisciplinary teams, collaborates with UN country-teams and governmental work groups and committees, and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving the planning and organizing of training workshops, seminars, and major meetings and the preparation of related information, materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international, regional and national meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations; and
- Participates in resource mobilization activities.

Specific Functions

- Develops and supports the implementation of an FSNIS development and data dissemination plan by taking into account the progressive development of the FPMU Food Price Monitoring and Analysis (FPMA) Tool in collaboration and coordination with the Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS) unit of the FAO headquarters;
- Assists stakeholders in identifying and applying standards and protocols for data exchange, as well as in adopting a FSN filter/budget codes within government budget and accounting systems;
- Develops guidance materials, plans and delivers training courses for FSN analysts and users of the FSNIS, such as crop price monitoring and analysis and budget filtering and coding;
- Supports the implementation of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) as well as the capacity development of the FPMU Early Warning Group in chronic and acute food insecurity assessments in the context of the IPC and emergency preparedness and responses;
- Coordinates and creates synergies with other relevant national FSN information systems, such as the National Information Platform for Nutrition (NIPN);
- Contributes to the preparation of the MUCH project's annual work plans, progress monitoring, and reporting to the Project Steering Committee and donors; and
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, food security or nutrition policy analysis, development study or related field
- Five years of relevant experience in the development and implementation of food security information systems, food security analysis, and capacity building
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

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 integrated information system design, development and management, FSN data generation, maintenance, analysis, exchange and dissemination, and the development of capacity of stakeholders, including government counterparts and technical partners
- Proven ability to network and collaborate with government counterparts as well as technical and resource partners
- Extent and relevance of experience in writing clear and concise analytical/technical reports

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 at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of two years.
 - Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.
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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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