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POSITION TITLE:	Policy Officer (markets and trade)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO REPRESENTATION IN BANGLADESH	DUTY STATION:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
		DURATION*:	Fixed-term: 1 year (with the possibility of extension)
		POST NUMBER:	2006729
		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

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 programme 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 Policy Officer (markets and trade) reports to the FAO Representative in Bangladesh and to the MUCH Chief Technical Adviser (CTA) on technical issues.

Technical Focus

Leadership, guidance and technical support for policy assistance on promoting food and nutrition security through markets and trade.

Key Results

Development, implementation and monitoring of sectoral and cross-sectoral FSN policies, programmes and investment plans, improved government capacities, policy dialogue, and analytical and methodological studies related to agricultural, livestock and fisheries markets, trade, food value chains, and sustainable food systems

Key Functions

- Provides technical and policy advice and/or support to the Government and relevant stakeholders in the development and implementation of their policies and programmes for improved food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture;
- Advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and policy dialogue in support of enhanced policies and governance for food, nutrition security and sustainable agriculture;
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development plans and activities involving the provision of technical advice and assistance, and oversees the development of related materials;
- Interacts with UN country teams to improve cross-sectoral policies and strategies concerning food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture;
- Analyses global, regional and country specific requirements, organizes and leads an in-depth assessment of the policy and institutional framework of food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture and identifies areas for improvements;
- Organizes and participates relevant meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increases policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective collaboration;
- Prepares reports to FAO, resource partners and the Government on progress achievement and issues related to project implementation; and
- Designs and participates in resource mobilization activities in collaboration with the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) and the Resource Mobilization Division (TCR).

Specific Functions

- Provides technical and policy advice to the FPMU, interministerial Thematic Teams, civil society, and the private sector in the development, implementation and monitoring of cross-sectoral and sectoral policies, programmes and investment plans with focus on issues related to markets and trade as well as sustainable and nutrition-sensitive food systems, and supports the assessment of their contributions to achieving national and global development targets, such as the 7th Five-Year Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Adapts existing instruments and/or develops new analytical instruments to assist the Government in monitoring and assessing agricultural markets, including livestock and fisheries, trade, food value chains, and related policy options;
- Supports the process of conducting research studies, and delivers and overseas capacity development activities on issues related to markets, trade, and assessment methodologies, which entails the development of related materials and tools, and mentoring to the key partner ministry staff;
- Coordinates data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the preparation of technical reports, including Government's flagship publications, e.g. Monitoring Report of the National Food Policy Plan of Action and Country Investment Plan;
- Ensures a thorough understanding of private sector actors and acts as the focal point to the sector;
- Contributes to the preparation of the MUCH project's annual work plans, progress monitoring, and reporting to the Project Steering Committee and donors;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirement

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in food security analysis, policy analysis, advice and formulation relating to markets, trade and/or value chains, and capacity development
- 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 collecting, compiling and disseminating agricultural, economic, and market statistics, conducting analytical studies and methodological research, market, trade and value chain assessments, and the provision of policy guidance and technical support for designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating food and nutrition security policies, programmes and investment plans.
- Extent and relevance of experience in human and institutional capacity development, including the design and implementation of guidelines, methodologies, and instruments and/or tools.
- Proven ability to network and collaborate with government counterparts as well as technical and resource partners.
- Demonstrated capacity to maintain good interpersonal relations and build synergies in multicultural environment(s).
- Ability to write clear and concise analytical 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.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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.
- 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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HOW TO APPLY

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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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