



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5384

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Deadline For Application: 29 May 2018

Position Title:	Nutrition And Food Systems Officer (Resilience, Early Warning Early Action)	Grade Level:	P-4
Organizational Unit:	FAO Representation in Fiji, FAFIJ	Duty Station:	Fiji, Suva
		Duration *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006828
		CCOG Code:	1102

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's Subregional Office for the Pacific is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed strategies for addressing subregional food, agriculture and rural development priorities. It develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions including Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

The post is located in Suva, Fiji.

Reporting Lines

The Nutrition and Food Systems Officer (Resilience, Early Warning Early Action) reports to the FAO Representative to Fiji/SRC and will be under the technical supervision of the Multidisciplinary Team Leader in close collaboration with the Lead Technical Officer (LTO). The Resilience Manager is required to exercise strong collaboration and coordination with the Assistant FAO Representative in Fiji.

Technical Focus

Resilience, disaster risk reduction and management, early warning and early action, climate smart and nutrition sensitive agriculture, food processing and livestock.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multidisciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates in internal committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases, etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise;
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Subregional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences;
- Supports capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries, through policy support, organizational development and individual learning and by the development of learning materials and related on-line tools;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with Corporate strategy and departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Provides effective leadership for the project management, technical implementation and achievement of results;
- Designs, and manages the project budget, work, communication and visibility, procurement, human resources, resource partners and reporting plans based on the project Logical Framework Matrix;
- Organizes Project Steering Committee (PSC) meetings, ensuring a balanced participation of stakeholders to address bottlenecks, share lessons learned, reports;
- Liaises with the donor, development partners and other agencies implementing similar action in the country to build synergies, share information and promote learning;
- Implements the capacity building plan through training, workshops, conferences based on results of the needs assessments with a strong gender focus to support the sustainability of the project; monitors the project through periodic field visits;
- Implements the Early Warning Early Action by strengthening the agroclimate information and established drought preparedness and plans for Fiji as outlined in the project document;
- Ensures effective implementation of the communication and visibility plan;
- Builds positive working relationships with the community, provincial and national level staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, National Disaster Management Office and FijiMet, the Regional Pacific Food Security Cluster, and Fiji National Food Security Cluster, UN Agencies, donors, private sector, academic institutions and civil society;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, development economics, rural sociology, political science, international relations/development or a related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in managing complex project related to agriculture, food security, disaster risk reduction, climate smart, nutrition, resilience and/or emergency food security;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering;
- Communication;
- Partnering and Advocating;
- 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 donor/trust fund project management, policy advice and analysis related to food security and nutrition, agriculture and rural development, resilience, early warning early action, climate-smart and nutrition sensitive agriculture, and institutional capacity building processes;
- Extent and relevance of experience in managing European Union funded projects, establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, NGOs as well as donors and government institutions and agencies;
- Extent and relevance of experience in managing FAO programmes and projects is considered 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 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

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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