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POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
	Food and Nutrition Security Policy Adviser	DUTY STATION:	Kabul, Afghanistan
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation in Afghanistan	DURATION *:	12 months (extendable)
	FAAFG	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1A11

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative and the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Unit (LTU) (ESN/RAP), in close collaboration with counterparts, authorities and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), the incumbent will participate in and contribute to the policy and strategy discussions and processes related to food and nutrition security within MAIL, FAO, and partners, especially with regard to the integration of relevant aspects into the national food and nutrition policy and strategy, and will ensure engagement also of national project staff where necessary and helpful. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide technical assistance to MAIL, national staff and Afghan counterparts on managerial aspects of project planning and implementation of food and nutrition security interventions at national and provincial level in the framework of the 'Food for Life' Programme and other National Priority Programmes (NPPs);
- support MAIL in the development of work plans, guidelines and operations manuals and the introduction of a nutrition and household food security reporting and monitoring system for national and sub-national level; assist MAIL in resource management and mobilisation for household food security interventions;
- provide technical and managerial support, and collaborate closely with the National Project Manager of GCP/AFG/069/GER, ensuring coherence and synergies between both projects; arrange for appropriate and supportive advice to both projects which are GCP/AFG/069/GER and GCP/AFG/075/GER;
- facilitate and supervise jointly with relevant MAIL staff members and other stakeholders, the design of a comprehensive National Food Security surveillance system; liaise with other partners to ensure maximum exploitation of existing data and information collection and analysis systems;
- provide advice and assistance to the High-Level FNS Steering Committee and the related Technical Secretariat;
- in collaboration with the Senior Project Operations Officer (SPOO), National Operations Officer (NOO) and the Assistant FAO Representative (Programme), assist in the development of new nutrition and food security interventions, project, funds' mobilisation and support the application of a right-based approach to FAO's strategic framework and field-level planning and implementation;
- establish, promote, strengthen and maintain contacts and collaboration with all stakeholders involved in agricultural development, food and nutrition security at policy and programme level, and support coordination with other UN agencies and development partners;
- facilitate the required consultancy missions, supporting the development of managerial and technical capacities within MAIL and its partners; assist FAO/SPOO in drafting TORs for national and international consultants, identifying and recruiting local consultants and partner institutions for FNS support work and coordinate and supervise their outputs;
- supervise and monitor the overall management of the project, including human resources, finance and logistics.
- prepare reports and documents, including Quarterly Project Implementation Reports, semi-annual Progress Reports, technical reports and the Terminal Report;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Agriculture Economics with specialization in Food Security, or a field closely related to Food security
- Ten years experience in nutrition and food security policy and programming advice, in implementation, analysis of community-based work in development and emergency situations
- Working level of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in implementing nutrition and food security programmes, and in providing policy advice on nutrition
- Extent of experience in capacity and institution building
- Depth of knowledge in the design and implementation of methodologies for designing, monitoring and evaluating food security and nutrition policies and programmes
- Extent of experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of policy and/or programmes;
- Ability to work in an area with security alertness
- Quality of oral and written communication and presentation skills
- Familiarity with Afghanistan and the policy issues affecting food security, nutrition and agriculture development

- Working experience in Afghanistan would be an asset
- Knowledge of Dari and/or Pashto would be an advantage

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

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

REMUNERATION

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