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<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Chief Technical Advisor</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-4</b>
		<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Kabul, Afghanistan</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>FAO Representation in Afghanistan</b>	<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>12 month (extendable)</b>
		<b>POST CODE/N<sup>o</sup>:</b>	
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	

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

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The programme for Improvement of Irrigation Systems and Construction of Micro-hydropower Facilities in Kabul and Bamyān Provinces (GCP/AFG/066/JPN) in Afghanistan, funded by Japanese Government and implemented by FAO, became operational in November 2010. Major objective of the project is to expand irrigation coverage with reliable and adequate water supply through improved irrigation facilities. Ultimately, it will help increase peace and stability in Afghanistan through food security at different levels.

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Afghanistan, supervision of the Senior Project Operations Officer and the technical supervision of the Lead Technical Unit in FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), and in close cooperation and consultation with the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW), the incumbent will be responsible for overall management and implementation of the project. In particular, he/she will:

- coordinate day-to-day project operation and management, including planning and implementation of project activities, monitoring and evaluation of project impacts, preparing and processing of periodic project progress reports;
- provide technical and managerial supervision to project staff, including international and national consultants, and government counterparts assigned to the project;
- liaise with concerned FAO Offices, Donor Agency, government departments, institutes and other stakeholders for facilitating smooth implementation of project activities, and vertical and horizontal cooperation;
- organize and facilitate the seminars, workshops, training courses, and other development activities to be conducted under the project;
- supervise the preparation and processing of the Letters of Agreements (LoAs) and sub-contracts needed for the implementation of project activities, especially technical specifications for procurement plan;
- provide technical supervision of the LOAs and sub-contracts for the construction of irrigation and micro hydro works;
- represent the project team at the meetings with government departments and other UN Agencies whenever requested by the FAO Representative on irrigation issues and prepare technical reports;
- review and comment on technical reports prepared by international, and national consultants;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advance university degree in irrigation/water resources, or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the design and implementation of water resources and irrigation projects in semi-arid regions
- Working knowledge of English

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of experience in the implementation of Irrigation Projects/Programs in developing countries
- Extent of experience in conducting participatory trainings and participatory project cycle management
- Proven records of organizing and managing large-scale rehabilitation and recovery measures in various fields of water resources and irrigation project implementation, preferably in the Asia and/or Middle East
- Demonstrated ability of strategic planning and organization of work
- Demonstrated ability to work and perform duties under security restricted conditions
- Quality of both oral and written communication and presentation skills in English
- Work experience in Afghanistan would be an asset
- Knowledge of Dari and/or Pashto would be an advantage
- Familiarity with UN agencies administrative, finance and operations system is desirable

*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*

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**REMUNERATION**

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**TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants**

Send your application to:

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