



Deadline For Application: 27 January 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Killinochchi or Mullaitivu district, Sri Lanka
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation in Sri Lanka	DURATION *:	12 months (extendable)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.A.11

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

FAO Sri Lanka has been long engaged in agricultural recovery and development programs in Northern Sri Lanka, and more recently has started a project "Integrated Irrigation & Agricultural Livelihood Development in Killinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts" funded by the European Union. The specific objective of the project is to rehabilitate community irrigation infrastructure, improve water resource utilization, enhance local capacity and develop agricultural livelihoods for farming households in the former conflict districts of Northern Sri Lanka. The project Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) is responsible for the overall management of the project activities.

Under the overall supervision of FAO Representative in Sri Lanka, the technical supervision of the Lead Technical Unit (LTU) in FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAORAP), and in close cooperation with government counterparts, the National Project Coordinator, and other project staff, the Chief Technical Adviser (CTA) will be responsible for overall management and the achievement of the objectives and outputs of the project. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide strategic and technical leadership for all aspects of project planning and implementation developing shared vision and effective teamwork among the project staffs;
- plan, organize and be responsible for the implementation of all technical and operational aspects of the project (which mostly include tank irrigation improvement works) in close coordination with government focal points;
- advise and oversee the national team in preparing the irrigation improvement plans for prioritized irrigation schemes under the project, including the water auditing and accounting, technical survey, detail design, cost estimation and construction supervision of irrigation infrastructures;
- supervise the preparation and processing of the Letters of Agreements (LoAs) required for the implementation of project activities, especially technical specifications for a procurement plan and provide technical supervision over the implementation of the LOAs for the construction of irrigation infrastructures;
- prepare and review capacity development plans and programs for both government counterparts and for farming community in irrigation design and in various aspects of crop-water management practices, and supervise implementation of the capacity development programs;
- ensure preparation of the yearly work plan, the annual procurement plan and detailed plans for specific activities under the Project;
- oversee site and beneficiary selection in a transparent and well targeted participatory process;
- ensure the quality and timeliness of output of development activities, including the construction work, seminars, workshops, training courses, and other development activities to be conducted under the project;
- be responsible for project administration and finance and lead the teams working for the project, including finance, administration, communication and field operation aspects;
- foster, strengthen and manage strategic partnerships with the Government authorities, key partners, institutions and stakeholders on a regular basis for effective team building;
- prepare project reports and briefs (including QPIR, six monthly reports, inception report, Terminal Report), with due attention to FAO and donor's rules and agreed reporting formats and schedule;
- ensure application of the programme communication and visibility strategy preparing various documents and communication materials;
- perform other related duties as requested.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advance university degree in agriculture/irrigation/water resources engineering
- Ten years of relevant experience in the design and implementation of water resources and irrigation projects

- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in the implementation of water resources and Irrigation Projects/Programs in developing countries
- Proven records of organizing and managing projects and programs in various fields of water resources and irrigation project implementation, preferably in the south Asia
- Extent of experience in conducting participatory trainings and participatory project cycle management
- Extent of experience in designing capacity development programs to both technical persons and farming community in the field of irrigation management.
- Demonstrated ability of strategic planning and organization of work
- Demonstrated ability to work and perform duties under security restricted conditions and rural environment
- Quality of both oral and written communication and presentation skills in English
- Work experience in Sri Lanka and knowledge on its tank irrigation systems would be an asset.
- Familiarity with administrative, finance and operations system of UN agencies 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**

REMUNERATION

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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:

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