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Deadline For Application: 13 May 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor (epidemiology-surveillance, early warning and disease control)	GRADE LEVEL:	P5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, RNE	DUTY STATION:	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
		DURATION *:	3 Years
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.01

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.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the ADG, RNE, and the Senior Field Programme Officer, RNE, the supervision of the FAO Programme Coordinator in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Unit, Chief of the Animal Health Service (AGAH), and in close consultation with the National Project Director, national and international staff of the project, the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) will be responsible for the overall management and day-to-day implementation of the project. In particular, the incumbent will:

- analyze project's specific requirements and relevant technical issues to provide critical input and administrative guidance for its implementation and the execution of the Ministry of Agriculture's policies in relation to the project;
- facilitate the establishment and the functioning of an epidemiology and early warning unit within the Department of Animal Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture's;
- provide technical advice in epidemiology, disease surveillance and control;
- identify and implement strategic partnerships, advocate best practices and increased policy dialogue, develop and negotiate effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national stakeholders;
- implements and monitor programmes of work involving the development of the approach and preparation of expenditure plan;
- prepare project progress reports to review and monitor the outputs and results of the project against agreed work plan, and to identify constraints and issues that require timely resolution and corrective actions;
- plan and oversee the provision of all FAO inputs, including organizing and assisting in purchase of equipment and supplies, and arranging for their maintenance;
- plan, manage and lead highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, coordinate, and provides technical leadership
- develop and implement training activities and study tours, and participate in the selection of the host countries and institutions;
- conducts, designs and oversees research and analysis activities to support the formulation of organizational studies and the development of manuals, guidelines and checklists for documenting, institutionalizing and sustaining the project outputs and results;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in veterinary science/medicine, with emphasis in epidemiology or a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in the control and prevention of animal diseases, including knowledge of standard setting processes in animal health
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in animal disease management, especially for those of epidemic and/or zoonotic significance as well as in the field of epidemiology, disease risk assessment and early warning
- Demonstrated capacity in strategic thinking, analysis, visioning and planning
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of livestock and animal health sector in the Near East is considered a strong asset
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing including the ability to write concise technical reports in English
- Knowledge and experience in UN procedures in project implementation would be an asset
- Working knowledge of Arabic is considered a strong asset
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential

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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