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Deadline For Application: 23 December 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor (Regional Food Security Analysis Network -RFSAN)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Amman, Jordan
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		POST CODE/N°:	
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE) seeks the service of a Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) to lead the development of a Regional Food Security Analysis Network (RFSAN) for the countries affected by the crisis in Syria. The CTA will work under the overall guidance of the FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative/RNE, the supervision of the FAO Representative in Jordan, the technical guidance of the Food Systems Economist/RNE as well as the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA). The CTA will furthermore work in close consultation with FAO Representations in Lebanon, Iraq and Syria as well as key stakeholders at country and regional levels. In particular, the CTA will:

- Provide overall managerial, technical, operational and strategic guidance to the Regional Food Security Analysis Network (RFSAN) while ensuring excellent communication with partner institutions, including donors, iMMAP, UN agencies, NGOs and government institutions;
- Develop and oversee implementation of the institutional capacity development of food security departments and early warning units in the countries affected by the crisis in Syria through context specific trainings, technical support and mentoring;
- Provide strategic, conceptual and methodological guidance in support of developing the RFSAN at national levels;
- Ensure that the RFSAN fosters technical consensus with key partners by convening partners meeting and through a regular and thematic situational analysis of relevant food security drivers across countries in the sub-region.
- Oversee/ carry out in-depth studies on pertinent food security and livelihood topics; manage appropriate access to RFSAN data and knowledge products;
- Organize food security coordination meetings and regular briefings to discuss findings of food security analyses conducted in collaboration with key partners, including donors;
- Contribute to the roll-out of Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) in the subregion;
- Advise the line ministries/food security departments, and represent FAO at high-level meetings on food security policy, programming and monitoring in the subregion;
- Ensure timely reporting in line with FAO rules and regulations;
- Draft reports and briefings for the project donor;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, economics or a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in evidence-based food security analysis, the design of early warning and food security information systems and/or the development of food security policies and programmes
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other FAO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting evidence-based food security monitoring and analysis, including the design of food security information and early warning systems
- Extent and relevance of experience in food and agricultural policy analysis and advice, including in the context of protracted crises situations
- Demonstrated capacity to support, advise and guide institutional capacity development processes
- Demonstrated ability to network and build partnerships, including with government institutions and development partners
- Demonstrated ability and experience to manage multi-disciplinary teams
- Demonstrated capacity to communicate clearly and concisely
- Working knowledge of Arabic would be an advantage

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- 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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://licsc.un.org/rootindex.asp>

TO APPLY:

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en>

Send your application to:

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This vacancy is open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates and applications from qualified candidates from non/under-represented member states are encouraged. Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

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