



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Terms of Reference

Job Title:	Epidemiologist/livestock Information Officer (consultancy)		
Division/Department:	TCEO		
Location:	Juba, South Sudan with frequent travel within the country		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	ASAP	Duration:	6 months with possible extension

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Under the general supervision of the FAO Head of Office in South Sudan and under the direct supervision of the Senior Livestock coordinator, and in coordination with the relevant FAO headquarters Lead Technical Unit (LTU) and the AFIS programme staff, the incumbent will provide the technical support in the implementation of the livestock component for; Agriculture and Food Information System for decision support (AFIS) project and Lakes State Food Security Capacity Building Programme. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Under the livestock component, assess the food security information needs and gaps including institutional capacity for managing for security information; Support capacity building of state ministries' and non state actors (NSA) in collection, storage, analysis, transmission/dissemination of data and information related to livestock diseases, health and nutritional status and production;
- Develop a comprehensive work plan for the project duration focusing on capacity building of targeted institutions for Livestock component both at the National and State level;
- Ensure the technical integration of key analytical sectors for food security analysis in South Sudan including statistics, economic analysis, pastoralism and agro-meteorology;
- Provide regular updates to the Senior Livestock Coordinator and relevant programme team members on progress, priorities and constraints, verbally and in writing on an agreed frequency and assure the preparation of required reports as per the rules and regulations of FAO;
- Review the status of CLiMIS data (particularly data related to livestock) collection and conduct user survey to identify gap and needs to strengthen the system;
- In collaboration with other specialists, conduct training in livestock related data collection, analysis and entry into the CLiMIS website for field monitors;
- Designing and development of Production and dissemination materials for food security information products related to livestock;
- Play a key role in Capacity building of CAHW/PFS in livestock disease monitoring and data collection
- Provide technical support to the implementation of PRA techniques and in the development of Livestock disease calendar and resource mapping;
- Play a leading role in conducting monitoring of quantity of forage and pasture availability using NDVI
- Strengthen capacity on components of surveillance system for data collection, entry and management.
- Perform other duties as required.

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (Master) in Animal health, veterinary epidemiology or in a related technical discipline preferably with a bias in Animal health planning and management.
- Five years of relevant experience in Livestock based programmes at national or international level
- Working knowledge of English

Selection Criteria

- Relevance and level of academic qualifications;
- Extent of experience in Livestock health and information management systems
- Proved skills in setting passive diseases surveillance system and PRA techniques
- Extent of knowledge on staff training skills
- Experience in Field data collection and analysis and good knowledge of data management systems
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely in English both orally and in writing;
- Ability to identify and resolve problems expeditiously and pragmatically.

HOW TO APPLY:

Send your application to:

VA-SouthSudan-Consultant-TCEO@fao.org

Please write as subject: Epidemiologist/livestock Information Officer

Applications will be considered only if accompanied by an updated CV or FAO Personal History Form (available at <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/consultants/en/>).

Application deadline: 18 February 2013, 17:00 Central European Time (CET)