



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Terms of Reference for Consultant

Job Title: Evaluation Consultant	
Division/Department: Office of Evaluation (OED)	
Programme/Project Number: Evaluation of FAO Country Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic	
Location: Rome, Italy (with travel to the field)	
Expected Start Date of Assignment: 1 March 2015	Duration: Approx. 120 days WAE (NTE: 31 August 2015)
Reports to: Name: Carlos Tarazona	Title: Evaluation Manager

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

Background:

Since 2010 FAO's country-level cooperation has progressively been prioritized and planned in the form of Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs). In the case of the Kyrgyz Republic, the CPF initially covered the period 2012-15 but was recently updated (December 2014) upon Government's request to reflect changes in priorities both in the country and at FAO. The revised CPF covers the period 2015-17 and is fully aligned to the National Sustainable Development Strategy (2013-17) and the UN Development Assistance Framework (2013-17).

The main objective of the Evaluation of FAO's Country Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic will be to assess the contributions made by FAO to national food and agricultural development in the period 2010-14 with a focus on the thematic areas prioritized in the CPF. The findings, lessons learnt, and best-fit practices identified through the evaluation will be used to inform ongoing and future work in the country.

Specific duties and responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the evaluation manager and in close consultation with the other members of the evaluation team, the consultant will be expected to:

- Conduct the background research, including analyses of programme portfolio, stakeholders and context;
- Arrange consultations with relevant FAO staff and partners;
- Support the identification and selection of the evaluation team;
- Participate in data collection and support data analysis;
- Contribute to the preparation of the evaluation report;
- Perform other duties related to the evaluation, as required.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
a) Background paper. b) Inputs to the Terms of Reference. c) Inputs to Thematic reports. d) Inputs to Evaluation report. e) Records of all the primary data collected (interview minutes; survey responses, etc.).	a) April 2015 b) May 2015 c) July 2015 d) August 2015 e) August 2015

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

- Postgraduate degree in Social or natural sciences (Economics, Sociology, Information Management, Agronomy, etc.)
- At least 2 years of relevant work experience in monitoring and evaluation of development programmes
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills in English and Russian
- Knowledge of the Central Asia region

Desirable competencies:

- Work experience in the Kyrgyz Republic
- Knowledge of FAO and other development organizations

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants are required to create and download a Personal Profile form (PPF) in "iRecruitment". To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>. Upon completion of the online form, kindly download your PPF at the bottom of the page under the "My account" tab and send it to us via email to: Opportunities-Eval@fao.org. In case of questions/comments please contact us at Rose.deJong@fao.org or Carlos.Tarazona@fao.org.

Deadline for application: 30 January 2015

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted in early February 2015 for interview.

The PPFs of candidates with a relevant profile will be included in OED consultant's roster for future consideration.

As standard practice in OED evaluations, the consultant should not have been involved in the design or implementation of FAO activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration.