



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant

Job Title	Social Protection Specialist		
Division/Department	ESA		
Programme/Project Number	Improved Global Governance for Hunger Reduction Programme		
Location	Rome, Italy		
Expected Start Date of Assignment	TBC	Duration:	11 months
Reports to:	Benjamin Davis	Title:	Senior Economist

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

Objectives

By providing policy and research support in the area of social protection, focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on Sub Saharan Africa the consultant will have an opportunity to use research to shape global thinking on the linkages between social protection and agriculture and how FAO and its partners work on strengthening coordination between these sectors.

Under the guidance of the "From Protection to Production" team leader (Benjamin Davis), and in collaboration with other team members, the consultant will undertake the following tasks:

1. Contribute to team and corporate planning processes with both policy and analytical inputs, as well as management of team activities,
2. Initiate and follow-up on collaboration with different FAO units to help develop a corporate vision and consensus on FAO's role in social protection policy work
3. Lead preparation of policy briefs, research digests and information notes to disseminate findings on the linkages between social protection and agriculture and contribute to the State of Food and Agriculture 2015 report on social protection
4. Contribute to FAO training events on social protection, with a specific focus on increasing awareness on the linkages between social protection and agriculture
5. Participate in global events, including conferences, workshops on social protection with government and development partner counterparts
6. Contribute to the preparation of material to help guide policymakers in the design and implementation of social protection programs and agricultural development programs that maximize the impact on the reduction of hunger.
7. Contribute to the design of, and participate in, country and regional level consultations on strengthening coordination between social protection and agriculture
8. Provide technical backstopping to FAO initiatives, both at HQ and in the field, that require inputs in terms of promoting linkages between social protection and agriculture.
9. Perform other duties as necessary.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

1. Contributions to team and corporate planning processes
2. Availability of policy briefs, research digests and information notes
3. Contributions to guidance material (approximately 30 pages, plus annexes) on linking social protection programs and agriculture
4. Participation in global events, including conferences, workshops on social protection with government and development partner counterparts
5. Perform other duties as necessary.

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The position will include international travel in support of social protection policy work.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

- Minimum Masters in Economics or related field in development, with at least 5 years work experience (Ph D can serve for 2 years work experience)
- Very good understanding of policy and institutional issues related to social protection and agriculture
- Familiarity with quantitative and qualitative impact evaluation methods, social protection and local development issues
- In country policy experience, preferably in Sub Saharan Africa
- Excellent writing skills and oral presentation skills.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Employment/docs/Applying_to_Consultancy_Vacancies_at_FAO.pdf

The PPF along with a cover letter should be sent via email to: PTOP-Team@fao.org or to Marco.Knowles@fao.org

Deadline for applications: 20 December 2013

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.