



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No FAO/ARM/2015/012

Deadline: June 14, 2015

Job Title: International Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Expert

Programme/Project Number: GCP/ARM/006/EC

Location: Yerevan, with internal travel, as required

Expected Start Date of Assignment: 25 June, 2015

Duration: 70 days on a when-actually-employed basis until 25 May 2016

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

Project Setting

The European Union has provided EUR 2 million as part of the Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) for the Complementary Support action ENPARD Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Armenia. The project is implemented by FAO in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia. The overall objective of the Project is to support the Government of Armenia in ensuring efficient and sustainable agriculture, contributing to better conditions in rural areas of Armenia.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Armenia (REU), under the direct supervision of the Project Lead Technical Officer (REU) and the ENPARD Project Manager, in close coordination with the Assistant FAO Representative in Armenia. The International Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Expert will perform work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, project beneficiaries, stakeholders, partners and other project staff of the ENPARD Armenia:

Key Functions

- Assess methodologies and protocols currently applied for undertaking damage and loss and Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) in agriculture in Armenia;
- Assess and review existing risk/vulnerability maps in Armenia and tools for sector-specific risk and vulnerability assessment;
- Assess the capacities, strength and limitations of the existing Early Warning Systems (EWS) from an agricultural perspective as well as technical, financial and institutional needs for a better use of accessible forecast products and long-term climate information, and advise on their use for enhanced agricultural planning purposes - short, medium and long term; the assessment shall include a draft proposal for an improved early warning and climate risk assessment system for the agriculture sector;
- Conduct a capacity needs assessment for the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) related to: assessing the impacts of natural disasters; analyzing the relevant information and providing recommendations on mitigation of the natural disaster's impact, and identification of entry points and recommendations for the capacity development activities;
- Through the participatory approach, in collaboration with national policy-makers and implementers, develop a proposal and a set of recommendations on:
 - An improved sector-specific standardized methodology and tools for vulnerability mapping, damage and loss and Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA);
 - Structural and functional changes of the MoA aimed to institutionalize DRRM;
 - Improving capacities of the staff of the MoA departments and extension services to systematically review/update and implement national risk reduction and management policies and measures in their respective sub-sectors and provide technical assistance to community level disaster risk management stakeholders within the agriculture sector;
 - Planning of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation pilot projects on community level based on findings from the risk/vulnerability assessment, involving farmer groups, farmers and Extension Services aiming to spread good practices and new technologies;
- Support the MoA staff with: a) the design and operationalization of DRM plans; b) the use of appropriate technology and methodologies for vulnerability mapping and PDNA; c) assessment of options for the development of a viable approach for agriculture insurance;
- Design and deliver needs based training on disaster mitigation and preparedness and post-disaster rehabilitation for the MoA staff and agricultural extension services utilizing improved and standardized methodologies;
- Identify a number of good practice options for DRRM and climate change adaptation in agriculture. The good practices should include but not be limited to crop production for hazards that include drought, frost, hail, insects and diseases,

soil degradation and erosion;

- Design the pilot testing/demonstrations of selected good practice options for DRRM and climate change adaptation;
- Undertake an analysis of the possibilities of improving farmers' access to financial services as a means to manage risk and mitigate effects of risk inherent to natural disasters;
- Other related duties as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, agricultural economics or a related field and good understanding of sustainable natural resource management practices and climate change adaptation in agriculture.
- Minimum ten years of experience:
 - in risk assessment, vulnerability mapping, early warning, in damage and loss assessment and PDNA
 - in the field of disaster risk reduction or post-emergency agriculture rehabilitation programmes
 - in training material development and training delivery, including training of trainers.
- Fluency in English. Knowledge of Russian would be an asset.

KEY PERFORMANCE

Expected Outputs:

- Assessment study on methodologies and protocols currently applied for undertaking PDNA, damage and loss assessments;
- Assessment study on risk/vulnerability maps in Armenia and tools for sector-specific risk and vulnerability assessment;
- Assessment study on the capacity needs of the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- The proposal addressing the recommendations laid out in the general description above;
- Improved capacities for multi-hazard risk assessment, vulnerability mapping and damage and loss assessments among the staff of MoA and agricultural extension services;
- Implementation plans for pilot projects and dissemination of good practices (tailored to reduce the major natural hazard risks for agriculture) throughout the main actors in the agricultural value chain.

Required Completion Date:

15 July 2015
30 July 2015

30 July 2015
30 September 2015

30 November 2015

01 April 2016

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent to which above minimum requirements are met.
- Ability to plan and organize work and participate in a multi-disciplinary team.

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: June 14, 2015

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