



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant ■/PSA □

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr □ 3yrs□5yrs □ 12+yrs □

Job Title: Livestock Development Specialist	
Division/Department: Animal Production and Health Division (AGA)/ Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG)	
Programme/Project Number: Programme of Strategic Objective 5 of FAO: Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises	
Location: FAO Headquarters, Rome with frequent field missions	
Expected Start Date of Assignment: As soon as possible	Duration: Six months (with possible extension)

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

Organizational Setting

The function is located in the Animal Production and Health Division (AGA). AGA assists member countries in the sustainable development of the livestock sector and in optimizing its contribution to nutrition, food security and rural poverty reduction, integrating scientific and technical expertise and policy advice. It provides a coordination role in areas of animal husbandry, animal health, genetics, feed, support to emergency preparedness and response. The Division generates information and manages knowledge, facilitates the development and implementation of innovative solutions and provides technical expertise to produce safe animal products more efficiently and more responsibly. The activities of the Division cover all production systems, from pastoralism to industrial, including crop-livestock integrated systems; and aim to enhance the efficiency of livestock production systems.

Technical Focus

Rural Development, Resilience, Dairy production, Poultry production, Small Ruminant Production

Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of FAO programmes, projects, Products and Services (Includes Livestock Sector analysis; Projects and programme management; preparation of products such as publications, manuals, guidelines in livestock production)

Under the overall supervision of the Director AGA, the day-to-day supervision of the Chief AGAS, in close collaboration with colleagues from AGA, the Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division (ESP), the Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN), the Strategic Objective 5 Core Team and Decentralized Offices, the incumbent will contribute to three of five FAO Strategic Objectives: *Reducing Rural Poverty (Objective 3)*; *Inclusive and efficient food and agricultural systems (Objective 4)* and *Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises (Objective 5)*

Specifically, the incumbent will:

- Contribute to FAO's interdisciplinary and multi stakeholder programmes (Global programmes, Regional Initiatives) and AGA Division's Regular Programme within FAO's Strategic Framework as they relate to animal production and livestock sector development, producer's organizations;
- Contribute to the formulation and implementation of national and regional livestock sector development strategies and programmes
- Provide expertise and support the implementation of FAO Field Programmes in livestock sector development (small-scale dairying, poultry production and small ruminant production in particular);
- Contribute to/edit reports, manuals, guidelines, other specialized publications as they relate to animal production, good farming/livestock practices, producer's organizations;
- Manage and keep up to date AGA web pages that relate to Animal Production (Dairy, Poultry, Pig production)
- Assist national institutions through decentralized offices in establishing training, extension, research and human resources development programmes for sustainable livestock sector development;
- On ad-hoc basis, provide expertise and support the implementation of FAO emergency/rehabilitation/resilience programmes as they relate to the livelihood of livestock dependent communities;

- Perform other related duties as required.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

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- Appropriate technical guidance, expertise, advice and clearance is provided as requested and in a timely manner on FAO programmes and projects with a focus on livestock production
- The technical quality of work done under the various projects relating to livestock and animal production (with AGAS as Lead Technical Unit) is ensured; Reporting requirements for those same projects are fulfilled to a satisfactory standard;
- Backstopping services are provided as and when required to the satisfaction of Programme Managers
- FAO web pages and portals on Dairy Production, Poultry Production and Pig production are updated on a continuous basis

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At the end of the assignment, the incumbent will prepare a report describing in detail, for each point listed in the Terms of Reference the activities undertaken, major results obtained, problems encountered. A section on recommendations and lessons learned, presenting guiding principles for future interventions, will be included.

End of assignment

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University Degree in Animal Production / Science / Veterinary Science
- Minimum five years of relevant experience in livestock production, including poultry, with significant working experience in a diverse range of developing countries or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Depth of familiarity with different livestock production systems, experience with team management and project formulation
- Extent of knowledge of and experience in the small-scale dairy sector, small ruminant production and poultry production including techniques and technologies relevant to the functions above;
- Extent of experience in the analysis and formulation of policies for sustainability improvement in agricultural sector;
- Demonstrated ability to analyze programmes and projects from an economic, social and environmental point of view
- Extent of experience in institution and capacity building in the livestock sector
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills on technical issues in English and one of the other FAO official language

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/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>
- The PPF should be sent via e-mail to: Antonella.falcone@fao.org with copy to Philippe.ankers@fao.org
- **Deadline for application:** 8 January 2016
- Applicants received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.