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**Vacancy Announcement**

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**Deadline for Application: April 25, 2014**

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified candidates to the following vacant positions for its project "Rain water harvesting in Hilly creeks/ charas to Restore sustainable Agriculture-Based Livelihoods in Hilly areas of Chittagong Hill Tracts (TCP/BGD/3407)" to be filled as soon as possible:

**National Consultant-Crop and Cropping System**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Bangladesh, and the technical supervision of the NPC and LTO, in close consultation and cooperation with BARI of the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), the incumbent will be responsible to provide the following services:

- Review socio-economic and agricultural baseline and identify current options of cropping system for the Project areas;
- Assist in developing linkages between government agencies [e.g. Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) and Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) for sustainable technology for production in CHT;
- Facilitate for finalizing initial inputs at selected sites in line with farmer needs to increase crop production (cereals and horticultural crop) and year round vegetable production in field by using irrigation from the creek water;
- Provide technical specifications for the agricultural packages under the project;
- Undertake regular consultative meetings with community organizations or farmers groups to determine the needs of the beneficiaries;
- Assist in finalizing local investment plans to Restore sustainable Agriculture-Based Livelihoods in Hilly areas of Chittagong Hill Tracts
- Perform other related duties and activities assigned by FAOR.

**Required Competencies**

- Post-graduate degree in Agriculture/Agronomy or related field
- At least 10 years of the professional experience on Farming system particularly in the Chittagong Hill Tracts
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English, with a proven ability to prepare technical reports and project proposals
- Good understanding and experience of smallholder integrated farming systems in fragile hilly environments

- Past work experience with FAO and/or other international development partners would be as added advantage
- Good computer skills are required for the position

**Duty Station:** Khagrachari, Bangladesh

**Duration:** 04 months

**Application Guidelines:**

All applicants will send their PPF only by e-mail to: [FAOBD-Vacancies@fao.org](mailto:FAOBD-Vacancies@fao.org) by close of business on April 25, 2014. PPF is available to this link: <http://www.fao.org/employment/en/>

Subject line of the e-mail must refer to: **Application for the post of National Consultant-Crop and Cropping System**

Qualified women are encouraged to apply

Application **not submitted** through the PPF will be discarded. Please do not submit any certificates/documents with your application

Candidates not possessing the essential qualifications should not apply as their application will not be considered

Any persuasion will disqualify the candidate; only short listed candidates will be invited for the written test/interview