



Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations (FAO)

### **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **Team Leader and Members**

#### **Evaluation of FAO's Response to Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) 2013-15**

FAO's Office of Evaluation (OED) is currently in the process of initiating an evaluation of FAO's Response to Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) during 2013-15. The main phase of the evaluation is currently scheduled to take place in September 2015.

#### **Background**

On 8 November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) hit the Philippines. The intensity of the typhoon resulted in more than 6,000 deaths, more than 4.1 million people displaced from their homes, and more than 14.1 million people in 36 provinces affected. The most affected areas were the east coast of Leyte, and the south coasts of Samar and Eastern Samar, in the Eastern Visayas regions. These areas were affected by a tidal surge comparable to a tsunami; devastation from extreme winds and rain was also catastrophic.

In concurrence with the Government of the Philippines, and at the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals, the under Secretary-General/Emergency Relief Coordinator declared Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) as a humanitarian system-wide Level 3 Emergency. As a result of the devastating damage to agriculture and fisheries sectors and the severe impact on lives and livelihoods, FAO Director-General declared the first corporate Level 3 Emergency Response on 13 November 2013.

FAO established a management team headed by the FAOR a.i./Designated Responsible Officer, a programming team headed by the Assistant FAOR Programme and an operational team headed by the Emergency Response Manager. These teams started to deliver immediate response activities in line with the UN Flash Appeal, FAO L3 emergency response declaration and IASC related commitments, and concentrated on the recovery of the agriculture sector by supporting the Government through the formulation of an agricultural sector recovery action plan. This recovery action plan focused on increasing the resilience of the affected communities for food and nutrition security in line with FAO Strategic Framework and in particular Strategic Objective 5.

FAO participated in the Multi-cluster/sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA I and MIRA II), and the Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment (MNA), all of which fed into the Strategic Response Plan (SRP) of the UN system emergency response. FAO also participated in the Government's Damage and Loss Assessment (DALA), which formed the basis for the Government's Yolanda Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan (YRRP).

FAO's component of the SRP called for US\$ 38 million to support around 128,600 beneficiary households in regions IVB, V, VI, VII and VIII through support to fishers, rice and corn farmers, coconut farmers, the livestock sector and agro-forestry.



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### **Methodology**

The evaluation will cover activities executed during the period from late 2013 to mid-2015, and will be conducted in close association with national government counterparts and other national and international stakeholders. It will concentrate on assessing the results of FAO's work in the Philippines as well as identifying lessons for the future. It will, in so far as possible, make use of local human resources and expertise, and could potentially involve longer more in-depth studies, focusing on areas of particular interest to FAO's mandate and role.

The evaluation will focus on FAO's contributions in the following sectors: fisheries, rice and corn-based agriculture, coconut based farming systems, livestock and agro-forestry, including mangroves. It will also pay attention to FAO's role in supporting assessments and analyses, and contributions to coordination mechanism with Government, the UN and other sectorial stakeholders.

### **Tentative timeline**

- a) Preparatory desk research March – July 2015;
- b) OED staff inception mission in April/May 2015 to the Philippines and RAP/Bangkok to engage the national government and set up the collaboration framework with key national counterparts, to scope the national research and evaluation capacity for engagement, to discuss the potential evaluation design and activity plans with the regional/country office managers, and to establish the Terms of Reference for the evaluation;
- c) Evaluation mission to the Philippines in September 2015, based on the design and plan established in the inception mission;
- d) A stakeholder workshop at the end of the evaluation mission involving the national government counterparts, development partners, implementing partners, other national and regional stakeholders, and FAO stakeholders, with a view to promoting ownership of evaluation outcome and promote the use of its findings.

### **Composition and profile of the evaluation team**

The Evaluation will be conducted by a multidisciplinary team made up of mostly national consultants. OED is presently seeking a team coordinator and 2-3 senior experts with at least seven years relevant professional evaluation experience, and competence and expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Disaster Risk Reduction / Emergency Management
- Agronomy (especially rice and corn-based agriculture and coconut-based farming)
- Livestock
- Fisheries
- Agro-forestry
- Institutional capacity development, farming systems analysis, participatory research



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The team will work under the overall supervision and responsibility of the OED Evaluation Manager. Team members should not have been involved in the design or implementation of FAO projects in the Philippines during the period under review, and will be required to sign a declaration to exclude any conflict of interest. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply; in the selection process, preference will be given to Filipino nationals.

Individuals and consultancy firms or agencies are encouraged to apply.

### **Essential qualifications**

- University degree in Economics, Sociology or Social Sciences, and/or expertise in sectors relevant to the evaluation as listed above;
- At least 7 years of relevant and proven experience at high professional level in their fields of expertise;
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills in English;
- Previous experience in conducting/taking part in independent evaluations.
- Past experience in the country and/or in the region, and knowledge of Tagalog and local languages would be an asset.

### **Application process**

Interested candidates should send their application by 23 April 2015, to the email address [bernd.bultemeier@fao.org](mailto:bernd.bultemeier@fao.org) with copy to [manar.abdelmagied@fao.org](mailto:manar.abdelmagied@fao.org). Please specify "Evaluation of FAO's Response to Haiyan/Yolanda in the Philippines" in the email subject line.

Applications should include a detailed Curriculum Vitae containing:

- Personal information (date of birth, gender, nationality and current residence);
- Expected daily fee rate (exclusive of expenses);
- Availability between April and October 2015.