

Legal Adviser and Right to Food Consultant (Afghanistan)
part-time consultancy

Background

The project "Strengthening capacity of MAIL and its partners for integrated food security and livelihoods programming in Afghanistan" (GCP/AFG/056/GER) aims to support the Government of Afghanistan to achieve the First Millennium Development Goal, by promoting integrated programming for sustainable livelihoods, food security and nutrition, using a human rights-based approach. It will support the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and its partners in improving intra- and interministerial coordination, as well as inter-agency collaboration, for sustainable improving food security and nutrition.

Rights-based approaches and support to the progressive realisation of the right to food are mainstreamed in all project components.

The project employs an internationally recruited Senior Technical Adviser (STA) and an international legal adviser cum right to food consultant on a part-time basis.

Terms of Reference

Under the direct supervision of the STA, in cooperation with the CTA of GCP/AFG/050/GER as appropriate, and with backstopping support from the Right to Food Unit and LEGN, the Legal Adviser and Right to Food Consultant will undertake the following tasks:

1. Provide right to food analysis of ongoing projects and programmes related to food security;
2. Provide technical support to FAO projects involved in legislation processes related to food security, nutrition, agriculture, and natural resource management;
3. Facilitate a participatory assessment of existing food security policies and strategies based on the Guide on Conducting Right to Food Assessment (FAO, 2008), which will also support strengthening of coordination mechanisms;
4. Promote the use of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security as a tool for coordination and overall direction for the emerging institutional framework for coordination;
5. Provide right to food analysis and facilitate human rights perspectives in drafting processes for new projects, programmes, policies or laws relevant to the right to food, on the basis in particular of the Guide on Legislating for the Right to Food;
6. Advise on the integration of human rights based approaches in capacity building, technical assistance and training materials on livelihoods, food security and nutrition for relevant Ministries;
7. Provide training for parliamentarians and legal professionals on the right to food and human rights based approaches, as well as on food security, nutrition and livelihoods;

8. Contribute to analysis of existing surveillance and monitoring systems from a right to food perspective and provide training on the basis of Methods to Monitor the Human Right to Adequate Food;
9. Support the development and prioritization indicators or criteria to measure the realization of the right to food. Contribute to review of indicators for food security, nutrition and livelihoods projects from a right to food perspective, in particular with a view to identifying process indicators;
10. Contribute to training and awareness raising material for community leaders, Community Development Councils and District Development Assemblies on food security, nutrition and livelihoods with a particular focus on the responsibilities of these actors;
11. Contribute to the development of public information campaign materials on food and nutrition security;
12. Prepare materials and organize sessions with central government and representatives of the international governmental and non-governmental community, in cooperation with the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission;
13. Contribute to the preparations of lessons learned, in particular on integration of the right to food into food security, nutrition and livelihoods programmes and projects;
14. Liaise with UN and other international agencies on human rights based approaches;
15. Any other related duties as required for the smooth implementation of the project.

Qualifications: Human rights lawyer with at least 4 years of experience, preferably practical and programme related on human rights approaches applied to development and food security work, and with laws related to food security, and of the right to food. Good communication skills and training experience. Ability to work in a context with security problems. Ability to work within a team of professional staff from diverse technical and cultural backgrounds and expertise. Sensitivity to political and cultural challenges to human rights. Work experience in the region desirable. English required.

Duty station: Kabul, with trips to provincial centers.

Duration: 16 months over 3 years (2-3 missions of 2-3 months per year).

Entry on duty: as soon as possible.

Please provide a completed FAO Personal History Form, found on the Internet site at: <http://www.fao.org/VA/adm11e.dot> and a motivation letter to LEG-Afghan@fao.org by 30 November 2009.