



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5615

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| Position Title: | Animal Health Officer (Manager, Crises Management Centre For Animal Health) | Grade Level: | P-4 |
| Organizational Unit: | Animal Production and Health Division, AGA | Duty Station: | Italy, Rome |
| | | Duration *: | Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension) |
| | | Post Number: | 2006787 |
| | | CCOG Code: | 1H01 |

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) promotes and facilitates the sustainable development of the livestock sector, integrating scientific and technical expertise and policy advice. It hosts technical networks in area of animal health, genetics, feed and animal husbandry and provides analysis, policy dialogue (incl. intergovernmental bodies) and technical assistance. It also supports emergency responses, mostly in animal health.

The post is located in the Animal Health Service (AGAH). The FAO Animal Health Service (AGAH) is primarily concerned with aspects related to the prevention, detection and timely response to health threats of animal origin (zoonotic diseases, transboundary animal diseases, production diseases, diseases of wildlife, arthropod-borne diseases, food safety, antimicrobial resistance) that affect public health or efficiencies, sustainable livestock production and conservation efforts. AGAH capacity development work ensures the strengthening of veterinary systems at national and regional level and bridges agriculture development, public health and ecosystem health.

The tasks envisaged are to be carried out through the Crises Management Centre for Animal Health (CMC-AH), a joint platform between the AGA and the Emergency and Rehabilitation Division (TCE). TCE is the leader of FAO's humanitarian efforts in supporting countries to more effectively prepare for and respond to food and agricultural threats and crises, and to strengthen the resilience of agricultural livelihoods, Strategic Program 5 in support to various aspects of the animal health programme of FAO.

Reporting Lines

The Animal Health Officer reports to the Chief Veterinary Officer/Chief, AGAH and works in close collaboration with the Strategic Programme Leader ' Resilience Programme (SP5) and TCE Director, the TCE Response Team Leader, and the TCE Emergency and Rehabilitation Officer.

Technical Focus

- Infectious disease (some of zoonotic importance) emergency management, including strategies and tools to help countries and regions address preparedness and contingency; upstream pre-emptive prevention and mitigation; rapid and effective outbreak detection and response; and transition to recovery.
- Thorough understanding of livestock related issues in times of disease outbreaks, natural disasters or humanitarian crisis to address livelihoods and animal population dynamics, feed/water, shelter, and welfare.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services;

- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/specialist/advice and expertise;
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools;
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Provides leadership, guidance and oversight for the CMC-AH multi-year strategy; ensure CMC-AH strategic actions and projects are well designed, implemented, managed, monitored and evaluated;
- Manages the development of tools and delivery of services for emergency management, to include the development of guidelines, training material and delivery of training for Good Emergency Management practices (GEMP) at regional and country levels; and development and modification of emergency preparedness and animal disease contingency plans to build capacity at the national, regional and global levels;
- Ensures the linkages and use of disease intelligence information platforms to ensure the CMC-AH has the most recent and accurate in information available for action;
- Coordinates all CMC-AH emergency response activities, including rapid deployment missions to countries facing outbreaks or at risk of transboundary animal diseases and provides assistance focused on the country priorities, elaboration of national response action plans, the mobilization of resources, etc;
- Serves as incident coordinator for global animal health emergency incidents within the Food Chain Crisis framework;
- Collaborates and ensure linkages with the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases, other AGAH and TCE programmes and other divisions and departments within FAO in support of emergency management activities;
- Collaborates and maintains liaison with the World Organization of Animal Health and World Health Organization as key international organizations, and with other partners in relation with emergency management and resource mobilization;
- Represents the FAO at national, regional and international forums and partnerships of importance, and contribute expertise to enhance resilience to disasters (including Level-3 Emergencies); Promotes and advocates the CMC-AH to potential resource partners to sustain the platform and activities through voluntary contributions;
- Contributes to the transition from an animal health emergency to longer-term support and recovery in close collaboration with FAO Regional and country offices, and other organizations and partners;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in veterinary medicine or related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in emergency management, to include preparedness, prevention (and mitigation), detection, response and recovery; and incident coordination to include emergency operations centres; or related emergency management fields;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese and Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Teamwork;
- Communication;
- Building Effective Relationships;
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable;
- Advanced training, certification and skills in emergency management is desirable;
- Board certification in preventive medicine or similar area of expertise is desirable;
- Extent and relevance of experience in international emergency management and developmental programmes;
- Extent and relevance of experience in emergency management of high impact animal diseases;
- Ability to garner partnerships and mobilize resources.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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HOW TO APPLY

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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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