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POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor (Transboundary Animal Diseases)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation in Afghanistan	DUTY STATION:	Kabul, Afghanistan
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		POST NUMBER:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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 FAO in Afghanistan assists the Government to develop policies, programmes and projects to address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition; to help the Government develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors and to use the environmental and natural resources in a suitable way. It participates in the development of FAO's field projects in the country and implements it, including the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the damaged relevant sectors.

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen food security and increase the resilience of livelihoods of livestock farmers to animal disease threats and expected to provide a framework within which progressive control of FMD and PPR in Afghanistan can be effectively implemented along with the implementation of additional measures to mitigate the impact of other diseases.

The main project components include: i) building self-alertness of Kuchi pastoral communities; ii) strengthening surveillance and diagnostic capability and capacity for FMD and PPR to ensure early identification of suspected cases and timely and reliable test results; iii) strengthening the overall surveillance system and response mechanisms; iv) increasing Community and livestock owners self-alertness for disease early warning ; v) implementing preventive and emergency vaccination programmes against FMD and PPR; vi) strengthening the collaboration with neighboring countries for coordinated control efforts.

The post is located in the FAO Representation in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Reporting Lines

Within the operational framework of Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD), under the overall technical supervision of the FAO Chief of the Animal Health Service (AGAH) and the direct administrative and functional guidance of the FAO Representative in Afghanistan, the incumbent will be responsible for the overall implementation of the project OSRO/AFG/402/JPN ensuring that appropriate linkages are established between project activities and other relevant programmes in Afghanistan.

Key Results

Leadership and technical policy expertise for the planning, development and implementation of Departmental / Division Programmes of work, projects, products, services in accordance with (Departmental &) FAO Strategic Objectives

Key Functions

- be responsible for the overall management and implementation of the project;
- ensure smooth coordination with the donor, the MAIL and other ongoing activities in Afghanistan in relation to FMD/PPR and other Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and animal health issues, including zoonoses of public health concern;
- in collaboration with the National Project Coordinator, prepare work-plans and implement project activities related to the six major components of the project;
- in coordination with the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) ensure that project approach is consistent with the Progressive Control Pathway (PCP) for the control of FMD and the stepwise approach for PPR;
- in coordination with AGAH service in FAO/HQ keep abreast on newly developments of the Global Strategies for the progressive control of FMD and the eradication of PPR and attend, as appropriate, relevant FAO/OIE working group meetings;
- prepare terms of reference in collaboration with the National Project Coordinator and in consultation with the FAO Representation in Kabul for the recruitment of national consultants and experts and assist with recruitment of international ones within the project scope and supervise their respective activities;
- work closely with the FAO Representation in Kabul to formulate the contractual arrangements (Letters of Agreement, Service Contracts) to be established with the partners;
- provide advice and guidance to the Director General of Animal Health and Production Department of MAIL (and related directorates and divisions) to develop policies and strategies as well as national protocols and guidelines for FMD and PPR with specific reference to: disease detection, control and containment; sample collection, handling and submission to diagnostic laboratories, epidemiological investigations for FMD, PPR and other diseases outbreaks and the design of field studies;
- guide the preparation of the technical specifications for the procurement of project inputs (FMD and PPR vaccines, laboratory equipment, instruments, reagents, vehicles, etc.), in close collaboration with the Director General Animal Health

- and Production and organize the selection and procurement of equipment and supplies for the project;
- be responsible for preparing a detailed Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) plan and closely monitor the progress of the work plan, achievement of project objectives and impact in line with the implementation arrangements and obligations of the approved project. Implement corrective measures when needed.
 - ensure adherence to field security procedures of all staff and consultants involved in project implementation;
 - represent the project in Technical Working Group (TWG) under the project;
 - ensure proper and timely project reporting according to project arrangement;
 - identify ongoing needs of national veterinary services, prepare project proposals for continuation of the work and seek donor support for their implementation;
 - modify and revise the present proposal according to the need;
 - perform other duties as requested

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Veterinarian with post-graduate degree in relevant field from a recognized university.
- Ten years of proven experience in the management of Transboundary Animal Disease control programmes comprising both field and laboratory experience.
- Working knowledge of English (Level C)

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Demonstrated experience in management of Transboundary Animal Disease control programmes comprising both field and laboratory experience
- Extent of experience in planning, development, management and implementation of projects, Extent of experience in negotiations with international, governmental or similar organizations
- Familiarity with UN or other agencies' field programmes

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.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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.

REMUNERATION

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For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

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