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POSITION TITLE:	Food Security Officer (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) Economic and Social Development Department (ES)	DUTY STATION:	Three posts (Various Locations)
		DURATION *:	Fixed-Term: 1 year (extendable)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

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 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a global, multi-partner innovative initiative to facilitate decision-making with improved food security analysis. The IPC is set of tools and protocols for classifying the severity and nature of food insecurity that integrates food security, nutrition and livelihood information into a clear statement about the nature and severity of food insecurity and implications for response. IPC incorporates a meta-analysis approach drawing on evidence-based analysis that includes a broad range of data sets and stakeholders.

The demand for IPC is continuing to increase and currently IPC activities are ongoing in more than 25 countries around the world. This global initiative is governed and strategically guided by an IPC Global Steering Committee, consisting of eleven major UN agencies, international NGOs and Regional Inter-governmental body agencies, including Action Contre la Faim (ACF) CARE International, CILSS, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, FAO, FEWSNET, Global Food Security Cluster, Oxfam GB, Save the Children (UK&US), SICA/PRESANCA and WFP.

The IPC works:

- 1) At the global level, through the IPC Global Steering Committee (responsible for the strategic vision and oversight of IPC global standards worldwide), the IPC Technical Advisory Committee (TAG) (responsible for IPC technical normative developments) and the IPC Global Support Unit (GSU), (responsible for the coordination of IPC normative developments, IPC global standards on quality and compliance, and the global coordination of capacity building support to IPC activities worldwide);
- 2) At the regional level, through GSU Certified Training Units (provides IPC Certified Training and Technical Assistance to countries in the region) and through Regional IPC Steering/Technical Working Groups that are integrated within existing regional platforms (responsible for regional overviews of IPC Country Analysis and the provision of partner support to IPC in countries in region); and
- 3) At country level, inter-ministerial and multi-agency working groups support the introduction and implementation of the IPC by Country IPC Technical Working Groups linked and institutionalized within existing government and partner food security and nutrition platforms.

Reporting Lines

The Food Security Officer (IPC) will be under the overall guidance of the IPC Global Programme Manager and where applicable, under the direct supervision of the FAO Regional Office and/or the Regional Inter-governmental agency (e.g. ASEAN, CILSS, IGAD, SADC, SARC, SICA).

Technical Focus

Development and consolidation of the IPC in selected countries, contributing directly to Strategic Objective 1 Output 10301 (Improving capacities of governments and stakeholders to monitor trends and analyze the contribution of sectors and stakeholders to food security and nutrition) and Strategic Objective 5 Output 50202 (Improving capacities to undertake vulnerability and/or resilience analysis).

Key Results

The GSU is seeking to recruit IPC Technical Food Security Officers to coordinate, manage and implement selected major deliverables of the of the IPC Global Strategic Programme (2014-2018), to be based at duty stations in **Bangkok, Dakar, Johannesburg, Nairobi, and Rome**. Selected areas of work at the global, regional and country level would include

- 1) Strengthening the institutionalization, governance, technical consensus process of IPC,
- 2) Professionalized IPC training and technical capacity building assistance,
- 3) Technical normative development of IPC protocols and IPC Quality and Compliance Reviews, and
- 4) Strategic and technical outreach for improved access and use of IPC in Decision Making.

Key Functions

- Coordinate the implementation of technical support IPC Trainings and Meta-analysis events for Countries in the Region
- Manage a regional team and network of Certified IPC Trainers and act as GSU IPC Lead Trainer to Countries in the region, coordinating technical support and providing IPC Level 1, Level 2, Tailored Trainings and technical assistance to Countries, as needed
- Coordinate the Regional IPC Certification Campaign, in collaboration and with support of the IPC Regional Technical Working Group and the Regional Inter-governmental office
- Act as a Secretariat and Technical Lead of the IPC Regional Technical Working Group and support the Chair in a number of tasks including: to organize meetings; to implement and monitor the IPC Regional Strategy and Work Plans;
- Promote and facilitate a multi-agency ownership of the IPC at the regional and country level and among the different partner agencies through regular communication, information sharing and by encouraging joint planning and collaboration.
- Develop and finalise IPC tools, manual, guidance notes and training materials
- Provide technical leadership and oversight to assure the quality and compliance of IPC activities including: training events, data preparation and analysis events and products (including the documentation of lessons learnt).
- Provide technical guidance and training in IPC data preparation and re-analysis. Liaise with the IPC Information Support Systems Developer providing necessary technical inputs into the revision and updating of the ISS IPC with the aim to ensure the end product is user friendly and relevant to IPC Country analysis.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Candidates will be assessed against the following

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Agriculture, Economics, Nutrition, Statistics, Social Science, Agro-finance or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant work experience in food security and vulnerability analysis including familiarity with different methodologies and indicators
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

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
- Extent of knowledge and experience in IPC Analysis and Training (Acute, Chronic and/or Nutrition). Preference will be given to candidates with IPC Analyst and Trainer Certification
- Extent of experience and demonstrated results in statistical data analysis (and related software packages) with knowledge of GIS considered an advantage
- Working knowledge and experience with early warning systems and other data information systems
- Extent of relevant experience in coordinating and managing multi-disciplinary teams. Preference will be given to candidates with coordination experience obtained in multi-sector and multi-agency contexts
- Proven ability to lead training and capacity building initiatives and teaching/training skills in a multi-disciplinary context

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

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

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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