



**Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations**

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

TECHNICAL ADVISOR – EPIDEMIOLOGY

Contract duration: 11 months, with possibility of extension

Vacancy No. IRC3441

Deadline for Applications: 17 July 2016

Duty station: Dhaka, Bangladesh with in-country travel as required

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Bangladesh, the functional guidance of the Chief, Animal Health Service (AGAH), the direct supervision of the Country Team Leader (CTL) and in close collaboration with the ECTAD Regional Manager in the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) and the Government of Bangladesh, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY:

Provide epidemiological advice and related technical support for development and implementation of technically sound animal disease surveillance systems, zoonotic disease control programmes, and animal health information systems by the Government of Bangladesh.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Oversee design, implementation, and management of the surveillance systems developed through ECTAD Bangladesh assistance to the Government of Bangladesh (GOB);
- Technically manage the disease control components of the ECTAD Bangladesh programme, particularly the disease control programmes to be developed and implemented with GOB through support of USAID-funded projects;
- Oversee the development process of a national animal health information system to be managed by the GOB;
- Provide technical assistance in the area of epidemiology to ECTAD Bangladesh-developed curriculum development and in-service training programmes for both veterinary services as well as the joint animal husbandry-veterinary farmer outreach initiative;
- Supervise FAO ECTAD epidemiology team technical advisors;
- Ensure timely implementation of each component of the H5N1 HPAI multi-country endemicity study;
- Mentor counterparts in the Department of Livestock Services (DLS) Epidemiology Unit, including officers participating in the regional Field Epidemiology Training Programme-Veterinary (FETPV);
- Provide technical assistance and advice to GOB for outbreak investigations as needed;
- Prepare national surveillance epidemiology reports on H5N1 HPAI on bi-annual basis in close collaboration with the DLS Epidemiology Unit;

- Ensure regular reporting of disease information from DLS to FAO EMPRES and OIE global information systems;
- Contribute relevant sections to monthly, quarterly, and bi-annual progress reports prepared for GOB and the donor;
- Represent ECTAD Bangladesh at national meetings and consultations as delegated by the Country Team Leader;
Perform other related duties as required.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
1. H5N1 HPAI Surveillance and Control Report	1. March and October of each year (every 6 months)
2. Outbreak Investigation Report	2. Within 1 week of investigation
3. End of Assignment Report	3. Within 1 week of completion of in-country assignment

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

The incumbent will be a veterinarian graduated from a recognized university with significant postgraduate training in research in epidemiology as evidenced by higher degree such as MSc., Ph.D, or equivalent post-graduate trainings with a successful track record of utilizing epidemiological principles in livestock development or emergency disease control programmes. He/she will have at least five years of relevant field experience in epidemiology and disease control, preferably with particular experience in the field of avian influenza surveillance in developing countries. He/she will have a high level of English proficiency and demonstrated proficiency in statistical analysis software.

Additional Information

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All candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

How to apply

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