



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5246

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Deadline For Application: **16 February 2018**

Position Title:	NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS OFFICER	Grade Level:	P-3
		Duty Station:	The Gambia, Banjul
Organizational Unit:	FAO Representation in Gambia, FRGAM	Duration *:	Fixed term one year with possibility if extension
		Post Number:	2006754
		CCOG Code:	1102

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

Through its Country Offices, or FAO Representations, FAO assists governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to address hunger and malnutrition, and provides technical support for the sustainable development of their agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors. The activities carried out by the of the FAO Country Offices include the design and implementation of country-tailored field programmes, liaison with local donor representatives, and active public awareness-raising as well as other and outreach activities related to FAO initiatives such as the World Food Day.

The post is located in Banjul, the Gambia.

Reporting Lines

The Nutrition and Food Systems Officer reports to FAO Representative in the Gambia.

Technical Focus

Establishment of and support to the National Alliance on Food Fortification and strengthening the public private partnership in the Gambia

Key Results

Research and analysis of information, data and statistics, and the maintenance and updating of related tools, methodologies, and/or databases to support the delivery of programme products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyses [agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related] data, statistics and information to provide technical, statistical and/or policy related information and analysis to support the delivery of economic and social development programmes work, products, projects, publications and services;
- Produces a variety of technical reports and input for technical documents, departmental publications and/or web pages;
- Provides technical, statistical, and/or analytical services on various studies, projects, and/or assessments and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Participates in the development of improved/updated technical, statistical and/or analytical tools, methodologies, systems, databases, and/or key social/ economic/environmental/ nutritional and/or early warning indicators, etc.;
- Participates in multidisciplinary teams, collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices;
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving the planning and organizing of training workshops, seminars, and major meetings and the preparation of related information, materials, on-line tools and information kits;
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities.

Specific Functions

- Coordinates with the National Nutrition Agency (NaNA) the European Union funded Food Fortification project in the Gambia
- Facilitates and technically supports the establishment of the National Alliance on Food Fortification to strengthen the public private partnership in the Gambia
- Organizes national dialogue on food fortification in the Gambia, in coordination with partner agencies and national stakeholders to promote successful food fortification and biofortification in the Gambia
- Ensures timely reporting and sharing of up to date information on food fortification to stakeholders and the European Union delegation
- Ensures that nutrition aspects across the value chain are adequately addressed in the rural development sectors, in the Country Programming Framework (CPF) and in regional and municipal programmes supported by FAO;
- Provides support and inputs covering the nutrition, gender and social protection areas of FAO Gambia programmes
- Provides technical assistance to Ministry of Agriculture and rural development sectors in monitoring and evaluation of nutrition-sensitive programmes (i.e. home gardens, small livestock and fisheries, small-scale irrigation, conservation/processing of products, agropastoral, etc.);
- Supports existing information systems to better take into account nutrition and food security data;
- Strengthens interagency collaboration in the preparation and implementation of UNDAF and nutrition sensitive interventions as well as strengthen the UN NETWORK for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) in the Gambia
- Assists the FAO representative to support the functioning of the intersectoral coordination mechanisms within the National Nutrition Agency (NaNA) and ensure links between the different sectors of rural development and other sectors concerned by nutrition in the context of SUN;
- Supports the preparation and implementation of a capacity building plan for rural development structures (agriculture, livestock and fisheries) in charge of nutrition and food security, including monitoring ;
- Explores and facilitates funding opportunities with donor institutions
- Reviews and monitors the best practices of integrating nutrition into the agriculture sector
- Performs other duties as required

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in human nutrition, public health or other field closely related to food and nutrition security
- Five years of relevant experience in food and nutrition security policy and programme development, including programme implementation experience
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French

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
- Good knowledge of FAO's work in nutrition sensitive agriculture and food systems approaches is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in building appropriate partnerships and promoting multisectoral coordination at the country level
- Knowledge of food and nutrition security concepts and indicators
- Extent and relevance of experience in the field of project and programme management including supervisory experience
- Extent of knowledge of UN or standard operational rules and procedures and project/programme management procedures is desirable

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 recognized 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 two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

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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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