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POSITION TITLE:	Food Security Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Ankara, Turkey
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Subregional Office for Central Asia, SEC	DURATION :	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	2004989
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

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

FAO's Subregional Office for Central Asia is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed strategies for addressing subregional food, agriculture and rural development priorities. It develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions including Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU).

The post is located in the FAO SEC Office in Ankara, with possible subsequent move to Istanbul, Turkey.

Reporting Lines

The Food Security Officer reports to the Sub-Regional Coordinator for Central Asia and is under the technical supervision of the Director, Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA).

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 on multi-disciplinary 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

- Supports the formulation, implementation and monitoring of national policies, strategies and programmes on food security and nutrition from a multidisciplinary and human rights perspective, and in coordination with national authorities, civil society organizations, parliamentarians and other development partners
 - Supports country-level actions related to food security as guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), sub-regional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts
 - Supports Governments to develop appropriate governance and accountability mechanisms to improve the impact and effectiveness of national initiatives on towards the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
 - Supports the establishment of institutional coordination mechanisms for food security and the harmonization of methods for data collection, analysis and monitoring, including in support of the planning, budgeting and implementation of national food security monitoring system(s)
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural, economics, social or political sciences or related field
- Five years of relevant experience in the design, implementation and monitoring of food security policies and programmes at national and regional levels
- Working knowledge of English 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
- Extent and relevance of experience, preferably in the sub-region, in agricultural and food policy analysis, policy monitoring and impact evaluation, including quantitative skills
- Ability to discuss and present complex concepts and analytical results to audiences with differing levels of technical expertise
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity development and training, including in a multi-disciplinary context, involving several government institutions and partner agencies in a developing country context
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic or Chinese would be an asset
- Quality and relevance of publications record

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://icsc.un.org/rootindex.asp>

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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