



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **9 June 2016**

POSITION TITLE:	JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER (FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-1
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation	DUTY STATION*:	Vientiane, Lao PDR
		DURATION :	Fixed-term: two years
		POST NUMBER:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	I.I.02.

* 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 main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner.

The post is located in the FAO Representation in Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), which reports to the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP).

The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning, and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the Region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RAP also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the Region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RAP develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer reports to the FAO Representative and under the technical guidance of the relevant technical officer(s) of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP).

Technical Focus

Development of the FAO Programme in Lao PDR on programmes contributing to food security and nutrition, with a particular focus on the development of nutrition-sensitive approaches to agriculture under FAO's Strategic Programmes 1 and 2, the FAO Regional Priority of "Strengthening food and nutritional security", and the Regional Initiative on the Zero Hunger Challenge and Regional Rice Initiative in Lao PDR in the framework of FAO's Common vision for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.

Key Results

Analytical and database/web services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Analyzes relevant technical social, economic, environmental, and technology information, data and/or statistics for input in various documents
- Maintains records and updates databases and web pages
- Provides technical support to various projects
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

Specific Functions

- Maintains contacts with the major stakeholders (Government and Development Partners);
- Monitors and compiles summary reports on the status of important initiatives in Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) in Lao PDR;
- Contributes to and supports activities in the national work plan under the Regional Initiative on the Zero Hunger Challenge and the Regional Rice Initiative;

- Participates in meetings of stakeholders and development partners, where necessary on behalf of the FAO Representation;
- In collaboration with Government and other stakeholders, gathers documentary and data evidence of outcomes of interventions in support of national targets in food security and nutrition;
- Compiles papers which summarize the evidence into case studies.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture or food security or , nutrition, or any other field related to the work of the Organization
- One year of relevant experience in development programmes/projects that support improved policies and practices in agriculture, food security and/or nutrition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, 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 in nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Working knowledge of English 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

- Candidates should be 32 years of age or younger as of 31 December of the year of application.
- 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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