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| POSITION TITLE: | JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER (FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION) | GRADE LEVEL: | P-1 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | FAO REPRESENTATION | DUTY STATION*: | DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN |
| | | DURATION : | Fixed-term: two years |
| | | POST NUMBER: | Unidentified |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1.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 position is located in FAO Representation in Tajikistan, which reports to the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU).

The Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security and nutrition, agriculture and rural development, poverty reduction and sustainable management of natural resources 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. REU 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. REU 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 reports technically to the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Officer / SP1 Focal Point (REU), while working closely in collaboration and with the technical support of the Food Security Officer at Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC).

Technical Focus

Policy, capacity building, operational and analytical work for strengthening food and nutritional security, food safety and for developing nutrition-sensitive sustainable agriculture approaches under FAO's Strategic Programme and the Country Programme Framework.

Key Results

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

Key Functions

- Analyzes relevant technical social and economic, 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

- Assists in the preparation of technical documents required within the Project Cycle management as well as publications and studies on food security, food safety and nutrition and nutrition sensitive sustainable food and agriculture approaches;
- Supports the exchange of information on food security, food safety and nutrition as well as nutrition sensitive sustainable food and agriculture between the country office, sub-regional offices, regional office and headquarters;
- Supports the identification, formulation, implementation and monitoring of food security, food safety and nutrition, rural development and poverty reduction projects and programmes;
- Coordinates and supports a working relationship with the Scaling up Nutrition Movement Platform; assist and contribute in implementation and organization of the Sun Movement Strategy and Roadmap (2016-2020).

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural science or any other field relevant to the work of the Organization
- One year of relevant experience in developing programmes/projects that support policies and practices to improve 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 and Russian is an asset.

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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