

# Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Vacancy Announcement No:

Issued on: Deadline For Application:

Position Title: Junior Professional Officer (Emergency and Resilience

Operations)

Duty Station: Rome, Italy

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Organizational Unit: Office of Emergencies and Resilience, OER

Duration \*: Fixed term: two years with possibility of

extension

Post Number:

Grade Level:

CCOG Code: 1S01

- · FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture
- · Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply
- · Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values
- FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination
- · All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks
- All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality
- FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.

## **Organizational Setting**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production*, *better nutrition*, *a better environment*, and *a better life*, leaving no one behind.

The Office of Emergencies and Resilience (OER) is accountable for the overall effectiveness and coherence of FAO's response to emergencies and resilience building. It promotes corporate efforts to support countries and partners in preparing for and effectively responding to food and agricultural threats and crises. It is responsible for coordinating the development and maintenance of corporate tools and standards to enable Decentralized Offices to assist Member Nations in tackling emergencies. OER ensures global humanitarian policy coordination and knowledge, liaises with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), as well as with humanitarian resource partners, co-leads the global Food Security Cluster Cluster (gFSC) alongside World Food Programme, and coordinates organizational preparedness, surge capacity and response to large-scale emergencies. Moreover, OER supports food and nutrition security assessments, as well as early warning activities related to emergency and humanitarian analysis, dissemination and response. It also plays a major role in the development and leadership of the Organization's programme to increase the resilience of livelihoods to food and agriculture threats and crises and, as such, contributes to broader UN efforts to operationalize the humanitarian-development nexus.

The post is located in the Country Support Team within the Office of Emergencies and Resilience, OER at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy.

# **Reporting Lines**

The Junior Professional Officer (Emergency and Resilience Operations) reports to the Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Officer, OER.

# **Technical Focus**

Support the development and implementation of FAO's emergency and resilience programme at global level and activities related to the support of Decentralized Offices (regional, subregional and/or country level).

# **Key Results**

Research, collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project/meeting services to support programme projects, products and services.

# **Key Functions**

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects as well as products and services.
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems.
- Updates databases and web pages.

<sup>\*</sup>The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

- Participates in multidisciplinary project/work teams.
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars, etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

#### **Specific Functions**

- Assists in contributing to global and regional policy processes related to emergency response and resilience
  programming, as well as supporting key partnerships including preparation, review, facilitation and briefing for
  high-level events on FAO contributions to disaster management and resilience of the agricultural livelihoods.
- Assists in liaising with FAO Divisions/Offices/Centres and Decentralized Offices (DOs), as necessary, on issues
  related to development and implementation of emergency and rehabilitation projects.
- Supports food security assessments, emergency response and project operations related work to create a
  conducive environment for Decentralized Offices in the implementation of emergency and resilience projects at all
  levels.
- Collaborates in providing strategic and technical guidance on emergency and resilience strategic and planning
  processes and related capacity development for the agriculture sector to countries and DOs, including through
  field missions.
- Assists in the provision of technical support to the formulation and implementation of programmes and projects
  related to emergency and resilience programmes, in the production of various reports, proposals,
  programme/project documents, position papers, policy briefs, financial/donor reports and in the provision of
  administrative support to ongoing operational emergency and rehabilitation projects
- Performs other duties as required.

# CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

## **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, economics, business administration and management, international relations and other fields related to the work of the Organization.
- Three years of relevant experience in public and/or private sectors related to programming, planning and technical cooperation in food and agriculture, including experience in developing countries, especially in countries that are vulnerable to disaster or other emergency risks.
- Working knowledge (proficient level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

### 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 supporting programme formulation and implementation of emergency and rehabilitation programmes.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge of and experience in programme and project management and operations.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the drafting, editing and revision of technical/scientific and policy documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting, analysing and summarizing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as donors and government institutions and agencies.
- Working knowledge (proficient level C) of another official FAO language is considered a strong asset.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.