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POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Strategic Planning)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Freetown, Sierra Leone
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation in Sierra Leone	DURATION *:	12 months (extendable to 24 months)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

FAO provides technical support services to the capacity development of Sierra Leone's Smallholder Commercialization Programme (SCP) Strategic Planning and Economic Analysis Team. The goal of the SCP is to reduce rural poverty and household food insecurity on a sustainable basis, and to strengthen the national economy.

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Sierra Leone, the technical supervision of the Chief, Africa Service of the Investment Centre Division (TCI), and in close collaboration with the SCP National Coordinator, national counterparts, and SCP programme staff, the incumbent will assume responsibility for the capacity development of the SCP Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFFS) and district government staff in strategic planning processes and the preparation of the SCP investment plans. In particular, the incumbent will:

- be responsible for the capacity development of the SCP Secretariat, and national experts from the MAFFS and district government to prepare district-level SCP investment plans;
- facilitate an inclusive preparation process with consultations with stakeholders at district and community levels;
- facilitate the exchange of critical information and validate the findings and recommendations regarding the SCP investment plans;
- lead MAFFS and district government teams in the analysis of the feasibility of district investment projects and programme proposals through studying market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analysis (particularly on Agricultural Business Centres), and conducting thematic studies related to the SCP investment operations;
- advise on the appraisal of financing and investment requirements for agribusiness and agricultural value chains;
- provide implementation support to ongoing investment operations and make recommendations on improvement of their performance;
- advise the SCP Secretariat on establishing a system to evaluate the performance of investment projects or programmes during implementation, and their impact after completion;
- provide technical assistance to the review of investment implications of agricultural and rural development policies (inputs, fertilizer subsidy, land tenure, research) and regional, national plans and programmes for poverty alleviation and food and nutrition security;
- advocate for capacity development of private and public stakeholders on project preparation, appraisal and related topics.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, or related fields
- Seven years of relevant experience in strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation applied to agricultural investment in Africa or similar region, and in capacity development, including in the preparation of training materials and the design and implementation of on-the-job training
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extend and relevance of experience in the formulation, management and implementation of investment projects and programmes
- Extend and relevance of experience in capacity development, including on-the-job and formal training
- Proven experience in dealing at working level with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries
- Extend and relevance of experience in Sierra Leone, Africa or similar region
- Good communication skills, both oral and written

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

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

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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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