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Deadline For Application: 9 June 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
		DUTY STATION:	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA	DURATION *:	12 months, extendable
	Economic and Social Development Department	POST CODE/N°:	N/unidentified**
		CCOG CODE:	1A11

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative (FAOR) and the Director, ESA and the technical guidance of the Senior Officer leading divisional activities on Food Security Policies and Programmes, the incumbent will:

- provide technical guidance to Project partners to improve current methods and techniques for the collection, processing, management and analysis of food security information with special emphasis on crop forecasting, crop surveys and food security assessments;
- enhance, sustain and provide technical inputs for the integration of key sectors for food security analysis in Tajikistan, including statistics, economic analysis, nutrition, agriculture, livestock and agro-meteorology;
- coordinate the delivery of advice, assistance and on-the-job training in food security data collection, processing and analysis to members of relevant agencies and line Ministries;
- lead the establishment of a market information service and the formulation and implementation of an institutional development plan for strengthening the national food security information systems;
- liaise with senior government officials, key donor partners and other stakeholders on issues of relevance to the implementation of project activities;
- ensure the preparation of reports in line with FAO rules and regulations and present them at Project Steering Committee meetings;
- perform any other duties as required.

** APPOINTMENT/PROMOTION TO THIS POST IS FOR THE DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT ONLY

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, statistics, or related fields
- Seven years of relevant experience in conducting and analyzing agricultural surveys, food market monitoring and food security monitoring and early warning, development and management of food security information or vulnerability monitoring systems and capacity building. (a Ph.D. in one of the above fields may substitute for two years of professional experience)
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in food security information systems and analysis, building relevant human and institutional capacities in developing countries, and ability to support, advise and guide training processes on food security information collection, management, processing and analysis
- Extent of knowledge and experience in designing and conducting agricultural surveys, analysis and national crop and food security assessments and experience in the region
- Demonstrated ability to liaise with governmental agencies, UN organizations, NGOs, and the media
- Proven ability to manage a project, including leadership and interpersonal skills, and to work in a team in a multi-cultural environment and under tight deadlines
- Quality of written and oral communication skills
- Knowledge of Russian or Tajik would be an asset

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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