**Project: MTF /GLO/372/BMG - Strengthening Agricultural Statistics in Anchor Countries – Phase 1: Assessment of Anchor Country Agricultural Statistics**

The Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics is a project endorsed by the United Nations Statistics Commission (UNSC) and supported by FAO, World Bank and others. In the framework of the Global Strategy, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has provided funds to pilot some activities in two selected countries in Asia, namely Bangladesh (initially) and India.

The project aims at supporting selected countries to conduct a detailed assessment of the capacity of their national agricultural statistics system to meet user’s needs, identify gaps and formulate a country proposal that will be the basis for Technical Assistance and Training under the regional action plan and for development partners support for agricultural statistics.

Therefore, FAO is looking for **International Consultants in Statistics** to assist with the detailed assessment and with preparations for a country proposal. The International consultant will work closely with agencies in the relevant country and with a National Consultant to undertake these activities. Preference will be given to consultants in the region, and those with experience in the relevant country.

The duration for each Country is **one** month in three missions with an expected start date in June. The TOR (for Bangladesh) is attached.

**TO APPLY:** Please send an application letter stating your expression of interest and qualifications together with the CV and a completed Personnel History Form (available at the FAO website <http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Employment/docs/Personal_History_Form.doc>) to

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Closing date for applications is Friday 7 June.