**Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) Project: TCP/STK/3501 - Technical assistance to promote agricultural diversification towards the reduction of the importation/import bill of selected crops – onions, and cole crops**

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Socio-Economic and Gender Specialist**

**Background**

The ever-increasing prices for imported food, caused by rising energy prices and lower global production levels are a major food-security concern for St. Kitts and Nevis (classified as a Net-Food Importing Developing Country). The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, in its Agriculture Development Strategy (2006-2011), introduced ‘Operation Food Security’ with the aim of expanding domestic production and encouraging higher consumption of local products. In addition, the Government sought the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to support the promotion of agricultural diversification and value chain development of two key crops in order to increase their production and support import substitution. The project *TCP/STK/3501 - Technical assistance to promote agricultural diversification towards the reduction of the importation/import bill of selected crops – onions, and cole crops* has been formulated in response to this request. The project was approved in November 2014 and implementation is to begin shortly.

A **Socio-Economic and Gender Specialist** is to be recruited to support activities under the Farmer Field School component of the project.

The Expression of Interest (EoI) should include a covering letter, detailed *Curriculum Vitae* with names and contact information for at least two References and any other information that will assist with the evaluation process.

The EoI documentation should be sent via email to [ruth.elcock@fao.org](mailto:ruth.elcock@fao.org), copied to [kittitianposse@hotmail.com](mailto:kittitianposse@hotmail.com), on or before the deadline of **Friday 27 February 2015,** with the subject line ‘*Expression of Interest – Socio-Economic and Gender Specialist (TCP/STK/3501)*’

The full Terms of Reference are as follows:

**Terms of Reference for Socio-Economic and Gender Specialist**

Under the general supervision of Sub-Regional Coordinator (SRC) for the Caribbean as the budget holder and the SLC Multidisciplinary Team and in close collaboration with the National Project Coordinator (Department of Agriculture St. Kitts and Nevis), the Consultant will undertake the following duties / tasks in three Missions:

* Support the Farmer Field School (FFS) Master Trainer in ensuring that gender issues are highlighted and appropriately addressed during the conduct of the field school
  + Prior to the start of activities, review the draft FFS survey questionnaires and provide inputs aimed at capturing socio-economic and gender-related issues
  + Using electronic means, train the FFS Master Trainer in administering the socio-economic and gender-related components of the survey
  + Develop a draft module on socio-economic and gender-related issues for use by the FFS Master Trainer in the field school

*Mission 1 (3 days)*:

* + Review and analyse the socio-economic and gender issues captured in the completed survey questionnaires
  + Present the analysis at the Stakeholder Workshop and provide recommendations on the inclusion of gender issues during the conduct of the FFS
  + Fine-tune and finalize the module on socio-economic and gender issues for use in the field school
  + Provide any other support needed

*Mission 2 (3 days)*

* + Participate in the analysis of the FFS and determine how the recommendations on the inclusion of gender issues during the conduct of the FFS were addressed
  + Contribute to the discussions on the Exit Plan
  + Provide any other support as necessary.

*Desk Work (4 days)*

* Prepare Reports for each of the two Missions as well as an end of assignment report, summarizing key activities and achievements, together with recommendations.
* Provide socio-economic and gender perspective to the Marketing Strategy

**Duration:**

10 days in 2 missions

**Qualifications and Experience:**

* A graduate in Social science, Economics or related field with at least 10 years of professional experience.
* A post-graduate degree would be an asset
* Expertise in the implementation of socio-economic and/or gender-related issues (or equivalent) in projects is required
* Work experience in the Caribbean desirable
* Knowledge of addressing gender issues and /or practice in implementing gender mainstreaming in projects will be an asset.
* Fluency in English is essential

**Duty Station:**

Home base and St. Kitts and Nevis.