



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4179

Issued on: 15 May 2017

Deadline For Application: 23 May 2017

JOB TITLE: Nutrition Consultant

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: ESNDD

DURATION: 120 Days (15 June-15 Dec 2017)

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**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.**

**Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

**All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations whose mandate includes fighting hunger by helping developing countries to improve their food production, agriculture, fisheries and forestry. FAO has approximately 12 000 employees worldwide. More about FAO can be found at its website [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org).

### Reporting Line

The Consultant will report to the Nutrition Officer, Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN).

### Technical Focus

The Nutrition and Food Systems Division of FAO (ESN), in partnership with the Information Technology Division (CIO), Statistics Division (ESS) and the Food Safety and Quality Unit (AGFF) of FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other international Partners, is developing a pilot Global Individual Food consumption data Tool (FAO/WHO GIFT), based on the needs of various stakeholders working in the field of nutrition and food safety at country, regional and global level. (please refer to: <http://www.fao.org/nutrition/assessment/food-consumption-database/en/>). Our ultimate goal is to collect, harmonize and disseminate dietary intake data available at national and sub-national level all over the world through an FAO hosted web-platform that will be publicly available free of charge. This platform, intended for use by both experts and the broader audience, aims to facilitate access to age and sex disaggregated data on individual food consumption allowing the construction of high quality food-based nutrition indicators that can trigger targeted policies meant to improve the quality of the diet.

### Tasks and responsibilities

Under the overall guidance of the Director of the Food and Nutrition Systems Division (ESN) and the guidance and supervision of the Nutrition Officer, Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN) and the Senior Food Safety Officer, Food Safety and Quality Unit (AGFF) of FAO, and in consultation with the Office of the FAO Chief Statistician and in compliance with corporate policies, the Consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Support the further development of FAO/WHO GIFT (Global Individual Food consumption data Tool). This activity will be performed through collaboration within FAO (at headquarters, regional offices and national offices) and with other institutions at regional and country level, including through missions, if needed. In particular, the consultant will:
  - Contribute to the filling of FAO/WHO GIFT with additional existing food consumption datasets:
    - i. Prioritization of the existing datasets worldwide that could easily be shared as microdata which are particularly useful to expand the coverage of dietary exposure assessment performed by FAO and WHO Expert Committees;
    - ii. Contacting data owners;
    - iii. Supporting data owners all along the data submission process, in particular during the FoodEx2 data recodification phase and signing of the Licence to redistribute Contribution;
  - Contribute to further development of technical documents aimed at supporting the FAO/WHO GIFT platform (e.g. analysis protocols);
  - Contribute to further development of the food safety indicators section of the FAO/WHO GIFT platform with particular regard for the food categorization ;
- Support the preparation of project proposals and study protocols, if needed.
- Organize and help deliver training workshops at country level in relation to dietary assessment and nutrition indicators, including through field missions in low and middle-income countries if needed.
- Undertake other duties as requested by the Nutrition Officer and Senior Food Safety Officer.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

#### Academic qualifications

- University degree in nutrition, food safety or equivalent, with certificate/training in food consumption surveys or food composition databases preferably with post-graduate certificate/training in statistics, or University degree in statistics.
- The candidate should have a strong scientific background

## Languages

- Working knowledge of English (essential).
- Working knowledge of Spanish or French, and limited knowledge of one of the other official UN languages (desirable)

## FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

## Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience in implementing or analysing food consumption surveys or food composition databases (essential);
- Experience in dietary exposure assessment (desirable);
- Experience in using the food categorization and description system FoodEx2 developed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) (additional asset) ;
- Knowledge of the Microsoft Office Package tools (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc.), full autonomy in the statistical analysis of data through R, SAS or Stata (desirable);
- Experience in formulating project proposals (including project design techniques and funding proposals), write clearly and concisely progress reports and end of project reports, edit technical papers and reports for publication and make effective oral presentations (desirable);
- Peer reviewed publications in dietary assessment or dietary exposure assessment (desirable);
- Strong organization skills (essential);
- Field experience in low and middle income countries (desirable);
- Previous working experience in international organizations (additional asset).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONSULTANT WILL NEED TO WORK FULL-TIME AND BE BASED AT FAO HQS IN ROME, ITALY.**

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

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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