



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 27 September 2017

Position Title:	Technical Adviser (Regional Epidemiology Coordinator)	Grade Level:	P-3
		Duty Station:	Thailand, Bangkok
Organizational Unit:	Office of AGD/Regional Representative, RAPDD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006510
		CCOG Code:	1H01

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

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.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the region and, in collaboration with the Regional Programme Leader (RPL), departments and divisions at headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RAP also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RAP develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

Reporting Lines

The Regional Epidemiology Coordinator reports to the Regional Manager of ECTAD in FAORAP.

Technical Focus

Regional Epidemiology Capacity Building and Networking Programme to contribute to SO5 Output 504020000 (Strengthened coordination capacities for better preparedness and response to crisis). Efficient surveillance and response performed by member countries which can be utilized by relevant regional stakeholders for prevention, control and eradication of transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and zoonotic emerging infectious diseases (EIDs).

Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyses technical-related issues on the development, implementation and evaluation of assigned programmes/projects; assists to the review of relevant documents and reports;
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and documents as well as technical input for reports and web pages;
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases;
- Participates in multidisciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/effectiveness of capacity development activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools;
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations;
- Performs other duties as required.

Specific Functions

- Supports relevant Subregional Organizations or similar setting on capacity development and networking activities as follows:

- For ASEAN and their Member States - to implement the ASEAN Strategic Framework for Veterinary Epidemiology Capacity Development and Networking;
- For SAARC and their Member States - to develop a Strategic Framework for veterinary epidemiology capacity development and networking;
- For East Asia CVO Forum on Transboundary Animal Diseases Control ' - to develop a Strategic Framework for veterinary epidemiology capacity development and networking;
- Coordinates the development of the Epidemiology Mapping Tool (EMT), and supports its piloting and application thereof at country level to assess veterinary epidemiology capacity, to identify needs and gaps, and to guide policy and strategy to support sustainable veterinary epidemiology capacity development;
- Develops and coordinates the implementation of the regional programmes and activities to strengthen epidemiology capacity of member countries in the region and networking at national and regional levels;
- Coordinates with the ECTAD Country Teams to support the national epidemiology capacity building programmes and ensure active participation of the national veterinary epidemiology units to the regional veterinary epidemiology capacity building programmes;
- Coordinates and establishes linkages with designated OIE/FAO Reference/Collaborating Centres on Veterinary Epidemiology to ensure knowledge, technology and trouble-shooting support is made available to the member countries;
- In collaboration and coordination with other ECTAD teams at the regional and country levels, contributes to the design, provides technical support and guidance to the implementation of biosurveillance programmes including assessment of surveillance capacity; harmonizes data collection and information sharing process and provides assistance in strengthening these capacities as well as and operationalization of linkages between field epidemiology and laboratory diagnosis, and across animal health and human health sectors under the One Health approach;
- Contributes to preparation of country briefs, technical brochures, advocacy materials, progress and final reports and others as appropriate;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Veterinary Medicine or equivalent with a postgraduate emphasis on veterinary epidemiology;
- Five years of relevant experience with field epidemiology applications for animal as well as zoonotic diseases control, national and regional approaches to animal disease control;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable;
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning, coordination and organization of national or regional epidemiology network for control programme of a disease of strategic relevance to the ECTAD programme;
- Depth of knowledge and understanding of all aspects of applied epidemiology, field-laboratory linkage, epidemiology training programmes carried out in Asia, existing platforms for animal disease control in Asia;
- Experience in animal disease control in Asia with regional organizations like ASEAN, SAARC and other relevant bodies;
- Proficient technical report preparation skills;
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaison with partners and institutional contexts;
- Familiarity with UN or other international agencies field programmes is an asset;

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “How to Apply”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills

- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

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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.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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