



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4764

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Deadline For Application: 20 October 2017

JOB TITLE: **Veterinary Epidemiologist**

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome/Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: **AGAH (GLEWS)**

DURATION: 11 months/renewable

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

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.

Organizational Setting

The Animal Production and Health Division has a key role in assisting Member countries on livestock development, health and policies to take full advantage of the contribution the rapidly growing and transforming livestock sector can make towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (MDGs). The AGAH/GLEWS Unit in the Animal Health Service perform global surveillance and provide analysis, training and risk assessment on animal health threats to enhance regions and country capacities in veterinary epidemiology, disease surveillance and risk assessment.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall supervision of the Chief, Animal Health Service/Chief Veterinary Officer-FAO and the technical guidance and direct supervision from the Animal Health Officer/GLEWS Unit Coordinator.

Technical Focus

The incumbent will support the training component of the project "Strengthening Global Veterinary Epidemiology Capabilities and Rapid Regional Disease Surveillance Information-Sharing".

Tasks and responsibilities

- Assist in the preparation of training material on epidemiology;
- Assist the preparation of technical meetings on the development of the curriculum and content on Field Epidemiology Training for Veterinarians (FETP-V);
- Assist in the development of the core curriculum and content of the FEPT-V (Toolkit) in collaboration with the Institutions responsible of the development of the FETP-V toolkit;
- Conduct veterinary epidemiology assessment field missions in countries to identify gaps, needs
- Support the formulation of National Training programs on Veterinary Epidemiology;
- Assist in the preparation and delivery of basic and advanced training sessions on FETP-V at national level in countries in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe;
- Assist in the preparation of reports from training activities conducted
- Prepare desk reviews and literature reviews on topics related to the project;
- Participate in technical meetings related to the activities of the project
- Assist and preparing technical material on risk assessment
- Write technical reports on technical activities including training material and contents delivered
- Support AGAH/GLEWS activities related to disease intelligence, disease surveillance, information systems and disease reporting
- Perform other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in veterinary medicine and epidemiology or related field
- At least, 2 years of working experience in activities related to veterinary epidemiology
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one region is desirable;
- Demonstrate experience with successful designing and conducting training in veterinary epidemiology, risk assessment and outbreak investigations (in developing countries);
- Proven experience in writing guidelines or publications on animal health surveillance, risk assessment and outbreak investigations
- Experience in the implementation of Field Epidemiology Programs for Veterinarians (FETP-V) is desirable
- Familiarity with FAO policies and programmes, or a similar organization is considered an asset
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team, and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and prioritize tasks

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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
- 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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