



Food and Agriculture Organization
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**FAO Representation in Islamic Republic of Iran
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CONSULTANCY (17/03)**

This vacancy is a re-issuance. Applicants who have applied previously need NOT re-apply.

Job Title:	National Consultant, Development of Integrated Strategic Programme (ISP) on Inclusive and Resilient Rural Development		
Division/Department:	FAO Representation in Iran		
Location:	Tehran, Iran		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	As soon as possible	Duration:	40 working days over a 4 month period
Reports to:	Name:	Title: Chief Technical Advisor and Deputy FAOR	

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASKS AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Under the general guidance of the FAO Representative, direct supervisor of the Deputy Representative and in full coordination with the FAO Iran Programme and Partnership Unit (PPU), the Consultant will:

- Collect comprehensive data and background information on rural development in the Islamic Republic of Iran including:
 - o Farm and non-farm activities,
 - o agricultural, livestock, and forestry production,
 - o Downstream processing industries in the rural areas
 - o Primary resources,
 - o Population, labour and human capital,
 - o Finance and banking; technology and practices,
 - o Institutions affecting rural development,
 - o Inter-sector relations and determinants,
 - o Macro, sector and broad strategic frameworks and goals (e.g. 6th Plan and SDG's),
 - o Planning information from IRI 6th Development Plan, FAO/IRI CPF and SDG's;
- Provide data base of all agreed indicators as an Annex (the statistical data source used will be official, published SCI and MoJA data only);
- Provide an overview of experiences, limitations drawbacks, opportunities, capacities, risks and challenges as regards to inclusive and resilient rural development in the country;
- Set out appropriate concept for "inclusive rural development" and its indicators to be utilised in the technical report;
- Identify conventional and current approaches, strategies and policies (Iran);
- Establish programme level hypothesis to monitor and assess trends and impacts of indicators on each other;
- Conduct simple trend analysis of available statistical data for relevant indicators to show structural and scale changes in sector and their policy / programme impact and changes in capacities;
- Develop, in consultation and collaboration with the Government entities concerned as well as relevant academia, non-government stakeholders, final draft of the Strategic Programme on Rural Development in the Islamic Republic of Iran providing a cross-sectoral framework for sustainable rural development in line with the national development policies, plans and priorities as well as the Sustainable Development Goals;

- Provide the component programme for inclusive rural development that fits into the 6th Plan and SDG frameworks – along with solutions, techniques and practices – and relevant five year action plan;
- Participate in relevant meetings/workshops as required to present the draft ISP to stakeholders;
- Receive and incorporate the comments and recommendations of stakeholders in the ISP; and
- Perform any other duties as related to the fulfilment of this assignment upon the request of the FAO Representative and the Manager of the FAO Regional Initiative on Small Scale Family Farms.

within the 40 day limit, the Consultant will set aside 4 full days for process meetings (circa 24 hours), 4 full days for one one-day technical workshop (including 3 days for programming, organisation and report writing of the workshop) and 1 full day for presenting final draft; leaving 31 days for data collection, data bank preparation, qualitative and quantitative analysis and other home based requirements.

The Strategic Programme document (a maximum of 40 pages using normal 11 font - including annexes) should:

- Provide a detailed assessment outlining the main constraints for sustainable and inclusive rural development in the country addressing key issues impacting such development at all levels;
- Identify and suggest possible solutions and strategic options for redressing the above constraints taking into full consideration the national policies, plans and priorities; and
- Recommend a set of strategic options for sustainable rural development.¹

QUALIFICATIONS:

The consultant should possess the following qualifications:

- Advanced University degree in agriculture, economics, agro-economy, sustainable development or other relevant fields;
- 10 years of relevant experience in development related activities
- Excellent written and spoken English and Farsi skills;
- Familiarity with the FAO standards and norms for strategy setting, evaluations and assessment;
- Analytical capabilities and the ability to produce well written, logically coherent reports
- Ability to manage and supervise assessments and ensure timely submission of reports; and
- Knowledge of small scale agriculture and rural development related issues concerning policy, governance and institutions.

COMPETENCIES

- Teamwork - Working collaboratively within a team, supporting others and fostering a positive team environment;
- Analytical thinking and strategic approaches to programme development;
- Excellent report writing skills; and
- Communication – Possessing strong communications skills.

¹ These options should provide a prioritized list of immediate, medium-term and long-term suggestions including policy measures, investment programs, possible institutional and regulatory measures, priority areas for future research and other requisite interventions and contributions, be interlinked with the overall context of other sub-sectoral strategic programmes to be formulated by the FAO Representation and also be in tandem with the Strategy for Sustainable Agricultural Development.

Date: 14 May 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Familiarity with food and agriculture related issues concerning policies, governance and institutions in Iran and the region and the possible setbacks thereof;
- Knowledge of FAO's strategies, programmes and tools on Rural Development;
- Hands-on skills in developing result-based strategies and action programmes.
- Familiarity with UN/FAO system.
- Previous work experience with the Ministry of Agriculture Jihad

HOW TO APPLY

APPLICANTS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED P11 FORM TO: FAOIR-HRDATABASE@FAO.ORG, MAKING SURE TO MENTION YOUR FULL NAME AND NUMBER (V/A 17/03) AND TITLE (NATIONAL CONSULTANT) IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF YOUR EMAIL

Deadline for application: 20 May 2017