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Deadline For Application: 3 August 2015

POSITION TITLE:	Junior Professional Officer (Rural Development)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-1
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE)	DUTY STATION*:	Cairo (Egypt)
		DURATION :	Fixed Term: two years
		POST NUMBER:	2004204
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.

* 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 Near East and North Africa (RNE) 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 departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. It 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. It 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.

The post is located at the Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa in Cairo, Egypt.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Rural Development) reports to the Gender Officer of the Regional Office for Near East and North Africa.

Technical Focus

Rural development

Key Results

Analytical and database/web services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Analyzes relevant technical social, economic, environmental, and technology information, data and/or statistics for input in various documents ;
- Maintains records and updates databases and web pages;
- Provides technical support to various projects;
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc. ;
- Participates in the organization and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions

- Ensures effective communication with the FAORs, Regional Office staff and FAO Headquarters on activities related to the programme on good practices on rural development;
- Provides technical assistance to the Regional Initiatives of the NENA region for promoting decent rural youth employment, social protection into agricultural and rural development policies, programmes, partnerships and institution strengthening;
- Contributes to the identification and formulation of projects and programmes in the related areas of work;
- Participates in country missions related to agricultural and rural development strategies.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Economy, Crop Science, Agronomy, Plant Science or a related field
- One year of relevant experience in rural development and/or rural institutions with emphasis on small scale farming

- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

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 rural development and/or rural institutions with emphasis on small scale farming
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops

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.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

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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