



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant x /PSA

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr 5yrs x 12+yrs

Job Title: Food Security Officer (Global Position) for the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC)	
Division/Department: Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) of FAO	
Programme/Project Number:	
Location: Rome or other location	
Expected Start Date of Assignment: 01 March 2017	Duration: 11 months
Reports to: Ms Sophie Chotard, Officer in Charge, IPC Global Programme Manager	

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a global, multi-partner innovative initiative to facilitate decision-making with improved food security analysis. The IPC is set of tools and protocols for classifying the severity and nature of food insecurity that integrates food security, nutrition and livelihood information into a clear statement about the nature and severity of food insecurity and implications for response. IPC incorporates a meta-analysis approach drawing on evidence-based analysis that includes a broad range of data sets and stakeholders.

The demand for IPC is constantly increasing, and currently it is implemented in more than 25 countries around the world. This global initiative is governed and strategically guided by twelve major UN agencies, international NGOs and Regional Inter-governmental bodies: Action Contre la Faim (ACF) CARE International, CILSS, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, FAO, FEWSNET, Global Food Security Cluster, IGAD, Oxfam GB, Save the Children (UK&US), SICA/PRESANCA and WFP. Given the quick uptake and wide use of IPC, there is a need to ensure:

- Adequate IPC GSU surge capacity support to countries for IPC Acute training and analyses and systematic support to the roll-out of the newly developed tools for classification of Chronic Food Insecurity in up to 30 countries in 2017.
- The quality of IPC Acute and IPC Chronic analyses and their compliance with IPC protocols, through both real time quality reviews based on countries' request/need and retroactive quality reviews - up to nine are planned for 2017.
- Quality IPC Technical reports both at global and country level that contribute to informing decision-making.
- Relevant Strategies at country level to achieve IPC consolidation

The Global Support Unit (GSU), headed by the IPC Global Programme Manager, is responsible for the implementation of the IPC Global Strategic Programme (2014-2018). To ensure that IPC GSU supports adequately the above-mentioned activities, the support of an IPC Food Security Officer is required to undertake the below-mentioned tasks, under the **overall supervision of the IPC Global Programme Manager and the direct supervision of the IPC Quality & Support Coordinator**. The IPC Food Security Officer will also work in close collaboration with the IPC Senior Food Security Officer and other members of the IPC GSU team.

The incumbent will be responsible for the following tasks:

- **Lead the planning, coordination and support to the roll-out of Country IPC Chronic Analyses**, working in close collaboration with the IPC Global Quality & Support Coordinator, IPC Regional Coordinators and IPC GSU surge capacity Food Security Officers.
- **Provide surge capacity support to the roll-out of Country IPC Chronic Analyses**, working in close collaboration with the IPC Regional Coordinators and under technical guidance of the IPC Senior Food Security Officer.
- **Provide ad hoc surge capacity to IPC Acute** training and analyses in close collaboration with IPC Regional Coordinators and under technical guidance of the IPC Senior Food Security Officer.
- **Support the development of IPC GSU inputs to IPC Global partners' Technical Reports** (food security updates, early warning reports, trend analyses etc.) and **countries' IPC Communication products**, in line with IPC protocols.
- **Support the development of Country Strategies for IPC consolidation** (IPC Governance, institutionalization, processes & partnerships, with focus on use).
- **Carry out Quality Reviews of Country IPC Acute analyses and IPC Chronic analyses**, following IPC GSU Quality Review Guidelines and under technical guidance of the IPC Senior Food Security Officer.
- **Support the compilation and updates of IPC GSU workplan** (field and global) and **IPC GSU support plan to countries for IPC Acute, IPC Chronic and IPC Nutrition activities**.
- **Regularly update the IPC Global Quality & Support Coordinator** on work plan progress, informally and formally, briefing on relevant issues and discussions that may arise, seeking guidance and decisions as necessary.
- **Attend IPC GSU programme team meetings, contributing to the team work planning** and ensure that the above listed tasks are integrated into and aligned with other IPC GSU activities.
- Undertake other related tasks as needed and requested by the IPC Global Quality & Support Coordinator.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Academic qualifications: Masters university degree in a relevant field (Agriculture, Statistics, Geography, International Development, Economics etc.).

- At least 5 years of professional experience in the area of Food Security analysis or closely related field;
- Good understanding of global and regional food security issues;
- Experience in conducting training on food security related issues;
- Experience in IPC;
- Ability to work well within multi-sector and multi-agency working groups;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, writing ability, and oral presentation skills;
- GIS and quantitative analysis skills are an advantage;
- Fluency in English with working knowledge of French, and/or Spanish, and/or Portuguese preferable;
- Ability to travel up to 50% of the time.