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Job Description

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: Information Management Specialist for the Food Security Cluster

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Organizational Unit: OER

Job Type Non-staff opportunities

Type of Requisition: Consultant / PSA (Personal Services Agreement)

Grade Level: N/A

Primary Location Various Locations-Variou Locations

Duration: Up to 11 months

Post Number: N/A

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Organizational Setting

Since its endorsement by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) in December 2010 and its functional set-up in April 2011, the global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) has been successful in creating a conducive environment for global partners to discuss food security operational and policy matters. It has been instrumental in developing tools and providing guidance and support to countries affected by humanitarian crisis. The gFSC is led by FAO and WFP. Over 40 international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the international Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) are active members at global level. The cluster focuses on coordination of food assistance and livelihood humanitarian interventions. Overall, food security is the largest sector in humanitarian response, as it represents 35% of funding requirements through the global humanitarian appeal. The average profile of a country food security cluster is a group of 68 partners targeting two million food insecure people and managing a sector appeal of US\$ 250 million yearly.

Reporting Lines

The IMO reports to the Food Security Cluster Coordinator (FSC-CC) and responds to the FSC Membership's needs for information.

Technical Focus

The Information Management Officer (IMO) is one of the core Food Security Cluster (FSC) Coordination team members and plays a vital role in collecting, analysing, and sharing information that is important for the cluster stakeholders to make informed, evidence based and strategic decisions on:

1. Food security needs and geographic areas of affected populations ;
2. Location and activity of Food Security actors ;
3. Key gaps in activity/program coverage and response overlaps ;
4. Existing capacity (human, material, financial) to be utilised in support of the identified response needs ;

5. Monitoring of the response against the HRP and other set indicators.

The FSC IMO is responsible for the day-to-day management of the FSC IM Tool, under the technical guidance and support of the IM team at the Global FSC. The IMO needs to be able to liaise and communicate with a wide range of stakeholders and acts as a 'bridge' between food security decision makers and technical information management (IM) staff. Fundamental to the job is the ability to design (and/or adapt) the right tools to collect and analyse data as well as to present information in a way that is easily understood by the FSC members, and external audience (i.e. graphic means such a mapping but also through tables, charts, and narrative writing).

Tasks and responsibilities

- Support the HNO preparation: provide data for FS indicators (based on JIAF); together with FSC-CC, and along with IMWG, analyse the severity of needs and define PIN ;
- Support the development, together with the FSC-CC and in consultation with sector partners, of the coordination of FSC response plans, strategy and logframe (e.g. HRP) ;
- Support FSC-CC in creating and monitoring FSC HPC online system for project submission ;
- Proactively gather information from FSC partners and other organizations which may be of use in ensuring informed decision-making processes ;
- Develop and maintain database about FSC partners' activities, analyse and process the data, and share final information and products (dashboards, maps, etc.) with FSC partners. Ensure that data is collected and presented in a way consistent with the FSC objectives ;
- Ensure financial monitoring for cluster response activities (check OCHA FTS) ;
- Conduct secondary data review, compile an inventory of available assessments and provide FSC partners (and IPC where applicable) with a list of available information/data with respective sources on a regular basis (e.g. common Cluster / Sector data sets, including population data disaggregated by age and sex, assessments and other surveys such as EFSA /CFSAM/SMART, IPC) ;
- Create and maintain Contact directories and mailing lists ;
- Maintain updated gFSC country and the FSC Humanitarian Response webpages with all relevant material ;
- Conduct capacity building for FSC partners on IM (e.g. on monitoring / reporting formats, project submission, excel use);
- Contribute to the development of reports (Sitreps, Bulletins, newsletters) by providing the FSC-CC with data and information ;
- Assist in organizing FSC Meetings and working groups (if applicable) ;
- Together with the FSC-CC, support gFSC initiatives, e.g. CCPM (Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring), global cluster annual overview, global dashboards, etc.;
- Liaise with OCHA and IM Focal Points in other clusters, and attend IM Working Group meetings or other relevant WG meetings – share information as appropriate.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree or equivalent preferably in Statistics, Economics, Data Management, GIS and other related fields ;
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in in data management and visualisation ;
- Working knowledge of English or French depending on the country of assignment and limited knowledge of any other official language of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Russian).

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

Essential Technical Skills:

- Strong knowledge of and experience in using advanced Excel ;
- Knowledge of data visualization and mapping: ability to collect and organize data for map production, map production (using ArcGIS, QGIS, or any other mapping tools) ;
- Ability to present information in understandable tables, charts and graphs ;

- Ability to maintain and manage website content for the cluster ;
- Data storage and file management expertise ;
- Willingness and ability to work in difficult environments, in often stressful time- critical situations ;
- Formal training in Cluster IMO or previous Cluster experience is desirable ;
- Cultural and Gender awareness and sensitivity.

Other Skills that are considered desirable:

- Data analysis using statistical software ;
- Assessment, Survey, and Monitoring and Evaluation ;
- Information Technology ;
- Control of working language in country of deployment.

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

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