



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
EVALUATION SPECIALISTS:
TEAM LEADER AND TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT
“CROSS-CUTTING: TARGETED SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL STATISTICAL
INNOVATION AT FAO”
DECEMBER 2021

Purpose of the Call

The Office of Evaluation (OED) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is launching an evaluation of the project MTF/GLO/707/BMG entitled “Cross-cutting: targeted support for agricultural statistical innovation at FAO” funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The purpose of this call is to identify a Team Leader and Team Members that may be suitable for different tasks in relation to the above evaluation.

Technical Focus

The project, active between the end of 2016 and November 2021 with a budget of USD 10.5 million, aims at improving effective evidence-based decision-making, policy uptake and influence, and SDG accountability through high quality, open, accessible, inter-operable, timely and more disaggregated agriculture, food security, and investment data.

The project consists of four separate components, which are listed below together with a brief description adapted from the original project document.

- i. Interoperable agricultural investment data component:**
 - Development of open and linked versions of classifications and taxonomies (“vocabularies”) relevant to agriculture investment
 - Development of classifications improving FAO reporting to OECD and IATI.
- ii. Open (micro) data component:**
 - Development and maintenance of a FAO on-line rural and agricultural survey and census microdata global catalogue (FAM)
 - Organization of global and regional workshops on data openness and transparency
 - Provision of technical assistance on data documentation, archiving, micro-data anonymization and implementation of open data policies in target countries
- iii. Agricultural Integrated Survey Programme (AGRIS) component:**
 - Support to the GRAINS partnership for the setting-up of 50x2030 initiative

- Development of AGRIS innovative tools, guidelines and training material
- Support of target countries in the implementation of AGRIS methodology and the compilation of key SDG's
- Support of target countries in a better use of agricultural data for policy purposes

iv. Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) component:

- Support of target countries in the routinely using of FIES for monitoring food security and compiling SDG 2.1.2
- Update and publish series of SDG global indicator 2.1.2 on the "Prevalence of Moderate and Severe Food Insecurity" at country, regional and global levels
- Dissemination of FIES micro datasets through a dedicated open access, web-based platform.

Composition and profile of the evaluation team

OED is looking for Team Leader and Team Members to join the evaluation team with expertise relevant to the areas of work of the project such as:

- Evaluation of project/program (for the Team Leader)
- Agricultural statistics (including design of agricultural surveys)
- Agricultural information systems for food and nutrition security
- Agricultural policy and administrative management

Tasks and Responsibilities

The evaluation specialists will carry out specific tasks in accordance with their role in the evaluation team and with the evaluation's Terms of Reference, including:

- Draft of inception report;
- Lead and/or contribute to the development of the evaluation methodology;
- Participate in field missions (when feasible) and/or briefings and debriefings;
- Conduct data collection and analysis;
- Lead and/or contribute to the drafting of the evaluation report and/or relevant sections;

Requirements

- Relevant experience in designing, planning, leading, and conducting development and humanitarian evaluations (for the Team Leader)
- Proven knowledge of and extensive experience in the technical areas relevant to the evaluation (for Team Members)
- Experience working with UN agencies, Donors and government agencies
- Excellent teamwork, interpersonal skills
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of another relevant language (French, Spanish Portuguese) would be a plus.
- Proficient in report writing

Reporting Lines

The evaluation specialists will be under the supervision of the evaluation manager (OED) assigned to this specific evaluation and report to the Evaluation Officer in charge of FAO project evaluations.

Organizational Setting

The Office of Evaluation (OED) anchors the evaluation function in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Evaluation in FAO provides results accountability to member countries and FAO's Director-General, and the evidence base to guide their decision-making and oversight. Evaluation also contributes to corporate learning, by offering a basis for improvements in the Organization's programs in terms of their relevance to countries, definition of objectives, their design and implementation. OED also participates in system-wide evaluation initiatives, thereby contributing to assessments of development effectiveness by the United Nations (UN) system.

To apply please send your CV to Federica.coccia@fao.org before 7 January 2021 indicating whether the application is for the role of Team Leader or Team Member