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Deadline For Application:

POSITION TITLE:	Associate Professional Officer (Statistician - Rural poverty measurement)(ESS-APO-01)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics Division (ESS) Economic and Social Development Department –ES	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION:	Fixed Term: 1 year (renewable)
		POST NUMBER:	[]
		CCOG CODE:	

* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
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 Statistics Division develops, and advocates for the implementation of methodologies and standards for data collection, validation, processing and analysis of food and agriculture statistics. In these statistical domains, it also plays a vital role in the compilation, processing and dissemination of internationally comparable data, and provides essential capacity building support to member countries. In addition, the Division disseminates many publications, working papers and statistical yearbooks, that cover agricultural and food security relevant statistics (including prices, investments, production, trade and agri-environmental statistical data).

The Social Statistics Team is responsible for developing and compiling indicators of rural poverty, income and livelihood, social protection, decent employment and gender inequalities; for processing available microdata from household surveys; and for providing capacity development and support to member countries in the collection and analysis of relevant data. One key task of the Social Statistics Team in the coming years is the development and operationalization of a unified and coherent conceptual framework to define and characterize rural poverty, and its difference with urban poverty. This work is instrumental to the activity of FAO's Strategic Program 3, whose objective is the reduction of rural poverty.

The post is located in Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Associate Professional Officer (Statistician – Rural poverty measurement) reports to the Team Leader of the Social Statistics Team.

Technical Focus

Development and operationalization of a conceptual framework and a methodology to define and measure rural poverty.

Key Results

Collection, analysis and review of information, data and statistics, and project/meeting services to support programme products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Collects, reviews/cross checks and/or analyses relevant data, statistics and information to support delivery of programme projects, products, publications and services
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical documents and/or publications
- Participates in the development of improved tools and methodologies
- Participates in multi-disciplinary project/work teams
- Participates in the development of training materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the meetings, consultations and conferences (including organization and follow-up), the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

Specific Functions

- Establishes strong partnership with key FAO external partners, particularly the World Bank and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), and internal teamsWorks in collaboration with the above mentioned partners to develop a conceptual framework that defines and characterizes rural poverty, highlights and discusses the multidimensional character of poverty, and specifically of rural poverty; and spells out its difference with urban poverty.
- Works in collaboration with the above mentioned partners to develop a measurement framework that allows measuring rural poverty starting from available micro data; and specifies how data collection can be optimized in view of obtaining coherent and sound measure of rural poverty.
- Work in collaboration with the above mentioned partners to compute harmonized and coherent rural poverty measures for different countries, using available micro data.

Candidates will be assessed against the following

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in statistics, economics or a related technical field
- Three years of relevant experience in applying statistical methods for the compilation and analysis of social statistics and poverty measures, preferably in national statistical offices or international organizations
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- 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 poverty measurement, particularly in rural areas
- Extent and relevance of experience in processing and analysing micro data from national surveys, with special reference to household surveys, and in conducting methodological research on livelihoods, incomes and living conditions, particularly in rural areas.
- Proficiency and flexibility in using statistical software, especially Stata, R, SPSS, or similar, (preferably open-source) software.
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports/documents in English is considered a strong asset

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

All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills

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 to the online profile a letter of motivation.**
- 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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