



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has been supporting a Country Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease (ECTAD) office in Nepal to implement the Avian Influenza programme which is currently in transition to the second phase under the Emerging Pandemic Threats-2 (EPT-2). The overall objective of the programme is to mitigate the impacts of novel "high consequence pathogens" at animal-human and environmental interface. The programme will specifically address reducing the risk of avian influenza through early detection, prevention and national preparedness and response. The programme will be implemented with technical support from the FAO Regional Office For Asia and the Pacific (RAP), Bangkok and from the FAO Regional Support Unit (RSU) for SAARC countries, Kathmandu. The project is seeking a qualified Nepalese national for the following position:

National Project Director

Under the direct supervision of the assigned (ECTAD) Regional (RAP) Technical Focal Point (TFP) and the Sub-regional ECTAD/RSU for SAARC based in Kathmandu, Nepal, the National Project Director will be the national focal point who will liaise with the national authorities and implement and monitor the country programme in close consultation with the Technical Focal Point (TFP) from FAO RAP. He/she will assist in designing, implementing and monitoring research studies; coordinate sample collection and training to support greater understanding of the drivers for disease spread and possible emergence of new strains of highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1 and other high impact and zoonotic influenzas; identify existing data and data gaps as well as mechanisms for collection, processing and dissemination of data within Nepal and in the epidemiological zone shared with neighboring countries; and assist in developing and implementing a plan to strengthen the linkage between laboratory and epidemiology units at the Department of Livestock Services (DLS).

Experience and Competencies:

- Degree in Veterinary Medicine with additional post-graduate training and experience in epidemiology and knowledge of laboratory diagnosis and procedures;
- Excellent communication, project management and team-building skills with a high level of initiative;
- In-depth understanding of avian influenza, emerging diseases and the One Health approach;
- In-depth knowledge of the Government of Nepal, Department of Livestock Services its programs and affiliated partners;
- Concrete knowledge of livestock value chains and disease detection, prevention and control systems in Nepal;
- Expertise in the use of computer software such as Microsoft Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, epidemiological software and excellent working knowledge of English

Duty Station: Kathmandu

Duration: One Year with possibility of extension

The complete Terms of Reference for the above post can be downloaded from <http://coin.fao.org/cms/world/nepal/en/vacancies.html>. Interested qualified persons should forward their covering letter and CVs to FAO-NP@fao.org and Cc to info@saarc-rsu-hped.org not later than 2 November 2014. The subject box in the email should indicate 'OSRO/NEP/401 - Application for National Project Director'.

Women and people from minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. No telephone enquiries will be entertained.