FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization
Junior Professional Officer (JPO)

1. General Information

I. Job Title: Junior Professional Officer,
Agency: FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization
Division: Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, ESP
Country and Duty Station: FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy
Duration of assignment: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year

Extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance

Please note that for participants of the FAO JPO-Programme at least three years of work experience are mandatory!

2. Organizational Setting
The Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division (ESP) coordinates FAO’s work on social protection, gender equality, decent rural employment, rural institutions, people’s empowerment and the right to food (RTF).

It is responsible for working with member countries and other partners to reduce rural poverty through strengthening social protection systems, diversifying rural employment opportunities, reducing gender gaps and other social inequalities in agriculture, strengthening producer organizations, improving the rural poor’s access to productive resources and rural services, and achieving the overall goal of realizing the human right to adequate food for all.

3. Reporting Lines
The Associate Professional Officer reports to the Senior Social Policy Officer, (RTF Team Leader).

4. Technical Focus
Support the implementation of the RTF guidelines, human rights, human rights-based approach to food security and nutrition, policy support, research and analysis, liaison and corporate duties on the RTF.
Contribute to a new initiative engaging the private sector, receive and review external requests from partners and FAO decentralised offices.

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

6. Key Functions
- Collects, reviews/cross checks and/or analyses relevant agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related 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
- Updates databases and web pages
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams
- Participates in the development of training materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

7. Specific Functions:
- Provides technical support to the implementation of the RTF Guidelines, also in conjunction and complementarity with other FAO or CFS global policy instruments (Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT), Principles for responsible investment in agriculture and food systems (RAI), Small Scale Fisheries Guidelines (SSFG), etc.);
- Supports the implementation of the Team’s work plan which aims to enhance and strengthen capacities and awareness on how to implement the Right to Food Guidelines of a wide range of stakeholders, more specifically: the private sector, parliamentarians, consumer organizations and associations as well as government, civil society and other institutions;
- Supports the collection of data and analysis to contribute to FAO and CFS efforts on reviewing the implementation of the RTF Guidelines as well as other global normative products;
- Supports the development of technical and policy notes on the RTF to improve engagement with new stakeholders, in particular the private sector;
- Contributes to ongoing work of the RTF Team on climate change, food loss and waste, urban and rural transformation, food systems and nutrition, agriculture and digitalization;
- Contributes to the RTF Team’s quality assurance of documents and publications as well as communication activities; Performs other duties as required.

8. Minimum Requirements
- Master’s degree in economics (agricultural, labour or development), political or social sciences, agricultural or rural development, institutional development or related fields
- Three years of relevant experience in socio-economic and cultural analysis, policy formulation, capacity development in relation to the RTF, human rights, human rights-based approach, food security and nutrition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

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

10. 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 providing policy support to stakeholders on issues related to the right to food, food security and nutrition, or any agricultural, socio-economic and cultural-related issues
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Extent and relevance of experience in RTF related activities, in particular human rights-based approach to development
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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