Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.

The FAO Financing for Shock-Driven Food Crises (FSFC) is led by the Chief Economist and is promoted by the Government of Italy in the context of G7 under the Italian Presidency in 2024. The facility will be the first opportunity to scale up a new approach for the humanitarian community to self-insure donor resources and increase the funding available to mitigate the impact of extreme shocks that drive high levels of acute food insecurity.

The post is located in the Office of the Chief Economist at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer reports to the FAO Chief Economist.

Technical Focus

Provide overall technical, analytical, coordination support and advice for FSFC and other key priorities of the Strategic Framework related to the stream of the Chief Economist and issues related to food security, nutrition and agrifood systems transformation.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data, and statistics, as well as contribution to different work streams, and support the coordination among different partners and agencies.

Key Functions

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and statistics to support the delivery of programme projects as well as products and services.
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems.
- Updates databases and web pages.
- Participates in multidisciplinary project/work teams.
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and 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.
Specific Functions

- Participates in relevant multidisciplinary teams, collaborates and engages with technical units across the Organization, key partners and UN agencies.
- Supports the technical team with data collection, data cleaning and analytical work.
- Supports the monitoring and implementation of the initiative and regular and final reporting to senior management and donors.
- Contributes to the modeling and analysis including country risk analysis.
- Assists the team in building a diversified portfolio of risks, as well as identification of market-ready instance products and triggers.
- Contributes to the preparation of various written outputs, e.g. draft background papers, analytical notes and presentations.
- Assists in the preparation, organization and reporting of meetings, including the preparation of working documents, ensuring a high level of consistency and accuracy.
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, risk management, agrifood systems, food security or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience in data collection, economic analysis, policy development, risk assessment, risk management and insurance.
- Working knowledge (proficient-level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate-level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- 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.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as donors and government institutions and agencies.
- Working knowledge (proficient-level C) of another official FAO language would be an asset.

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