



POSITION TITLE:	NATIONAL CONSULTANT on nutrition-sensitive agriculture within the context of the new generation of Liberia National Agricultural Investment Plans	GRADE:	
LOCATION:	FAO REPRESENTATION IN LIBERIA	DURATION:	Thirty (30) Days when actually employed
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:		TYPE OF CONTRACT	PSA

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BACKGROUND

Liberia is currently in the process of formulating the new generation of its National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIP), within the framework of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) and through the leadership of the Ministry of Agriculture. To that purpose, a National Task Force composed of key relevant stakeholders has been established. The process builds on the lessons learnt and challenges faced during the formulation and implementation of the previous NAIP. Among the lessons learnt, it was observed that the previous NAIP did not fully take into account important areas such as nutrition, despite the fundamental role of agriculture to improved nutrition. As a result, the improvement of the agricultural performance observed during the implementation of the first NAIP did not have an important impact on the nutritional status of the population, as malnutrition prevalence is still high in the country. According to the 2013 Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), stunting and underweight affect respectively 32% of children under-five years of age, while wasting affects 7.4% of women in reproductive age. The elaboration of the new NAIP takes also into consideration existing commitments at international, regional and sub-regional levels in the field of food and nutrition security such as the World Health Assembly Global Nutrition Targets 2025, the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) Declaration, the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2014 African Union Malabo Declaration which all emphasize on the importance of agriculture to achieve a considerable reduction of malnutrition.

FAO is supporting the current process, by providing technical and financial resources.

Objectives of the consultancy

This consultancy is part of FAO's contribution to the new NAIP process, in the view of improving the mainstreaming of nutrition into the new NAIP. The specific objectives are listed below:

- Increase awareness on nutrition-sensitive agriculture within the context of the new NAIP
- Provide technical guidance to the Ministry of Agriculture on nutrition-sensitive agriculture planning

Tasks of the consultant

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Country Representative in Liberia and under the technical guidance of the Senior Nutrition Officer, FAO Regional Office for Africa and in collaboration with the international nutrition consultant recruited to backstop the process, the CAADP National Focal Person and other relevant national stakeholders, the national nutrition consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Carry out an assessment of the previous NAIP to identify gaps and propose recommendations
- Participate with the National Task Force to the technical working sessions to elaborate the NAIP second generation by ensuring all aspects related to nutrition-sensitive agriculture are fully integrated
- Elaborate an end-of-assignment report

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

- Report of the assessment of the NAIP first generation
- Active participation to the National Task Force activities and adequate integration of nutrition into the new NAIP
- End-of- assignment report

Required Completion Date:

June 30, 2017

Desirable qualification and experience

- Advanced diploma (with minimum Masters) in food and nutrition security or related discipline
- Good understanding of the food and nutrition environment in Liberia
- At least 5 years of experience in the field of food and nutrition security at central level
- Strong experience in the development of food and nutrition policies at national level
- Strong knowledge on nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- Good writing skills
- Knowledgeable in use of ICT

The consultant is supposed to start his/her assignment on the 1st of June of 2017, for a period of 30 working days.

Duty Station: Monrovia, Liberia

Interested candidates are advised to send their CVs, cover letter, and copies of educational certificates in a sealed envelope clearly mentioning the position applied for on the top left corner of the envelope, no later than Friday, 19 May 2017 to the following address:

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