



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

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| Position Title: | Junior Professional Officer (Agriculture) | Grade Level: | P-2 |
| | | Duty Station: | Islamabad, Pakistan |
| Organizational Unit: | FAO Representation in Pakistan | Duration *: | Fixed-term, 2 years with possibility of extension |
| | | 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

- FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture
- Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply
- Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values
- FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination
- All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks
- All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality
- FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.

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.

Organizational Setting

The main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist the government to develop policies, programmes and projects, to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner. FAO Pakistan seeks to support the 2030 Agenda through the transformation to efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for the four betters (better production, better nutrition, a better environment, a better life), and leaving no one behind in Pakistan. The Country Programming Framework (CPF) outlines three priority areas that will guide FAO's partnership with the Government of Pakistan for the next five years:

1. Basic Social Services
2. Climate Change and the Environment
3. Sustainable Inclusive Economic Growth and Decent Work

FAO Pakistan's largest contribution will be in addressing the challenges of climate change and the environment in agriculture, food security and related aspects. At the policy and institutional level, it will actively contribute to protect and sustainably exploit the Indus Basin, as well as ensure the sustainability of marine ecosystems. FAO Pakistan will also prioritize the promotion of sustainable rural livelihoods to support sustainable inclusive economic growth and decent work. Another significant contribution of FAO will be in strengthening food and nutrition systems to address the "leaving no one behind" agenda, including through social protection.

The post is located in the FAO Representation in Islamabad, Pakistan, with frequent travel to the field, especially Multan and Hyderabad.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Agriculture) reports to the Senior Officer.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Agriculture) assists with implementation of a project funded by the Green Climate Fund called Transforming Indus Basin with Climate Resilient Agriculture and Water Management in Punjab and Sindh Provinces.

Key Results

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

Key Functions

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or 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

- Supports the development of work/implementation plans and contributes to monthly, biannual and annual progress reports for the relevant programme projects;
- Assists with the development of training materials with the project team and provides training to farmers and/or farmer field school facilitators;
- Supports the development of concept notes for events/workshops and organizes events;
- Contributes to technical report/teaching material development for farmer field schools;
- Supports the coordination with internal stakeholders and ensures synergy across different programme and projects;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as agriculture, crop science, agricultural economics, food and nutrition, food technology or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience in research or project implementation of agronomy, crop science, farm economy, e-agriculture or other relevant fields.
- 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, is desirable.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as agriculture, crop science, agricultural economics, food and nutrition and food technology.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.
- Experience in capacity building for farmers in developing country's context is desirable.
- Experience in project planning, monitoring and reporting is desirable.

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