



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No.:

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Deadline For Application:

<b>Position Title:</b>	Junior Professional Officer (Better Nutrition)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-2
		<b>Duty Station:</b>	Panama City, Panama
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Subregional Office for Mesoamerica (SLM)	<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term - One year with possibility of extension
		<b>Post Number:</b>	
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	

\*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.**

### 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.

FAO's commitment to environmental sustainability is integral to our strategic objectives and operations.

The Subregional Office for Mesoamerica (SLM) is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed-upon strategies and projects for transforming food, agriculture and rural development. It also develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions.

The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of the FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC).

The position is located in the Subregional Office for Mesoamerica in Panama City, Panama.

### Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer reports to the Nutrition Officer, under the general supervision of the Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica.

### Technical Focus

Development and implementation of programmes and activities related to better nutrition to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition in all its forms, including by promoting nutritious food and increasing access to healthy diets. Specifically, programmes and activities will focus on food safety, reducing food loss and waste, and greater transparency in markets and trade

### 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**

- Collaborates in the development, implementation and evaluation of multisectoral policies and legislation on food safety in subregional agrifood systems.
- Contributes to strengthening the capacities and awareness of value chain operators and consumers regarding good food safety practices.
- Assists in providing technical assistance to intergovernmental organisations to establish and implement clear, specific, and contextualized roadmaps, in order to engage all supply chain actors and consumers in reducing food loss and waste.
- Supports the development, implementation and evaluation of training programmes aimed at reducing food loss and waste throughout the supply chain, including the food environment.
- Contributes to policy coordination and the strengthening of human and institutional capacities, promoting a more equitable participation of actors in markets, global value chains and international trade.
- Provides technical inputs in food security in the context of project programming, especially in situations affected by conflict, economic crises, and climate change, updating the knowledge base with recent data and evidence.
- Contributes to the development of evidence-based subregional strategies and tools for Member States and partners.
- Provides technical support to FAO offices in Mesoamerica in the formulation of programmes that promote nutrition and the affordability of healthy diets as part of food security.
- Supports the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of these programmes.
- Participates in the development of learning and knowledge products related to these areas of work.
- Performs other tasks as needed, such as preparing and reviewing conference presentations, work agendas, and other documents.

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### **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as Nutrition, Nutrition policy or closely related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience, including policy analysis, project implementation, capacity building, or similar responsibilities in the field of nutrition or agrifood systems.
- Working knowledge (proficiency - level C) of English and intermediate knowledge (intermediate proficiency - 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 (proficiency - level C) of Spanish would be an asset.

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

