



## **Food Security Specialist Consultant**

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency, fighting hunger worldwide. We are currently seeking to fill a Food Security Specialist Consultant position, which will be based in WFP's country office in Beirut, Lebanon.

### **Background**

Reporting to the relevant Country Director, the Food Security Specialist Consultant will be responsible for the following key duties:

- Strengthen WFP knowledge base and the understanding of food security and vulnerability issues in Lebanon contributing to a better preparedness and response capacity to protect the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable communities that are at risk;
- Ensure the use of such knowledge to inform WFP decision making in Lebanon and contribute to country level work of government counterparts, civil society organizations, bilateral donors and UN agencies;
- Strengthen the operational capacity of WFP staff to conduct food security assessments and analysis in Lebanon;
- Lead and/or participate in food security and vulnerability assessments and monitoring as well as other joint assessments (for example, nutrition surveys and the JAM);
- Analyze geographic patterns of food insecurity and vulnerability by integrating primary food security data with other sources of data in the Geography Information Systems (GIS) environment;
- Contribute to the establishment and maintenance of a food security and vulnerability monitoring system to detect changes in the food security and vulnerability situation of populations at risk;
- Participate in the design and implementation of programs in Lebanon with particular emphasis on situation analysis, defining the role of food assistance and providing recommendations on targeting of such assistance along multi-sectoral vulnerabilities or socioeconomic lines;
- Provide technical support and guidance to the establishment, maintenance and analysis of project monitoring and evaluation systems to assess changes in the food security and vulnerability status of particular population groups (i.e. beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries) so as to support WFP programming decisions in Lebanon;
- Provide WFP Lebanon with food security and vulnerability information management capacity by maintaining and updating databases of spatial and socioeconomic data and developing mechanisms by which such data are shared with other units in WFP Lebanon as well as other partners;
- Foster partnerships with the Government of Lebanon (GoL), UN agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs) and civil society that build upon and strengthen existing capacities for vulnerability analysis. Build effective collaboration between WFP and other relevant agencies;
- Transfer skills and develop sustainable capacity in food security analysis and information management systems in relevant government institutions and local partners;
- Supervise staff and ensure that all staff are adequately trained in order to achieve high working standards;
- Perform other related duties as required.

## **Qualifications & Experience Required**

### **Education:**

- Master degree in social science, demography, geography, economics, nutrition, public health or similar relevant disciplines.

### **Experience:**

- At least five years of postgraduate progressively responsible professional experience in food security, vulnerability analysis or a closely related area, such as food security or early warning.
- Strong knowledge of food security analysis and the data collection, treatment, and manipulation techniques typically associated with it.
- Advanced computer skills, including at least intermediate skills in windows based word processing, spreadsheet, database and GIS applications.
- Working knowledge of basic statistics.

### **Critical Skills**

- Ability to compile, maintain and analyze data, prepare reports and draw initial conclusions and recommendations;
- Ability to work in a team, and maintain effective work relationships with counterparts; effective and timely interaction with colleagues and concerned parties internally and externally;
- Flexibility in accepting work assignments outside normal desk description; #
- Ability to deal patiently and tactfully with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to establish priorities and to plan, coordinate and monitor own work plan and those under supervision;
- Good analytical skills; resourcefulness, initiative, maturity of judgement, tact, negotiating skills;
- Ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing;
- Ability to work in a team, and establish effective working relations with persons of different national and cultural backgrounds;
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective work relationships with country/regional counterparts and staff within the office, host population, donors, NGOs and other UN agencies;
- Interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to gain the assistance and collaboration of others in a team endeavour through demonstrated technical leadership;
- Ability to provide technical advice to managers.

### **Language**

- Working knowledge (proficiency/level C) of English;
- Limited knowledge (intermediate/level B) of another official UN language ie: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish or Portuguese (one of WFP's working language) is desirable.

### **Terms and Conditions**

WFP offers a competitive compensation package which will be determined by the contract type and selected candidate's qualifications and experience.

Please visit the following websites for detailed information on working with WFP.

<http://www.wfp.org> Click on: "Our work" and "Countries" to learn more about WFP's operations.

<http://www.unstaffmobility.org> Learn more about countries where the UN operates.

**Application Procedures:**

Go to: <http://i-recruitment.wfp.org/vacancies/15-0017943>

**Step 1:** Register and create your online CV.

**Step 2:** Click on "Description" to read the position requirements and "Apply" to submit your application.

NOTE: You must complete Step 1 and 2 in order for your application to be considered for this vacancy.

**Deadline for applications: 07 July 2015**

*WFP has zero tolerance for discrimination and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status. Qualified female applicants and qualified applicants from developing countries are encouraged to apply.*

*No appointment under any kind of contract will be offered to members of the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), FAO Finance Committee, WFP External Auditor, WFP Audit Committee, Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and other similar bodies within the United Nations system with oversight responsibilities over WFP, both during their service and within three years of ceasing that service.*

**REF: 15-0017943**

Fighting Hunger Worldwide

[www.wfp.org](http://www.wfp.org)