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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Economist (Household Economics)	GRADE LEVEL:	P5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: 2 years
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	POST NUMBER:	0782670
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.02

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) conducts economic research and policy analysis related to all five of the Organization's strategic objectives (food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods); ESA provides evidence-based analytical support to national, regional and global policy processes and initiatives related to food security and sustainable agriculture; and leads the production of three FAO flagship publications: *The State of Food and Agriculture*, *The State of Food Insecurity in the World*, and *World Agriculture Towards 2030/50*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on the right to food, agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture, social protection, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies

This position is located in the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA).

Reporting Lines

The Senior Economist reports to the Director, ESA.

Technical Focus

This position will lead a corporate programme of work in the economics of rural households, providing quantitative economic analysis and evidence-based policy support, to help shape and implement FAO's Strategic Framework with an emphasis on poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, and sustainable livelihoods. The analytical work relies on combining advanced quantitative data analysis tools and mixed methods, using primary and secondary sources of data including in the context of rigorous impact evaluations, to provide insights into how agricultural development interventions and social protection instruments can contribute to sustainable poverty reduction at household and community levels. The programme of work is predicated on strategic partnerships with development agencies, donors and national governments.

Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive technical, statistical and/or analytical frameworks to support the programme of work and related products, projects and services in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Analyzes global and country specific requirements as well as agricultural, economic, social, environmental factors to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Framework, Programme of Work as well as Detailed Work Plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies;
- Implements and monitors work programmes involving the conception and development of comprehensive statistical and/or analytical frameworks including early warning, medium and long term plans and strategies, leading edge tools, methods, systems and databases, critical indicators, and/or policy models, etc.;
- Oversees and reviews data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, FAO flagship publications/yearbooks, and/or on-going programme development as well as technical and/or policy advisory services;
- Provides technical and policy advice to Member Countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes of work;
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of advice, technical assistance projects, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits;
- Represents the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners;
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Corporate strategy;

Specific Functions

- Leads a programme of work in quantitative household economic analysis and evidence-based policy support geared towards poverty reduction, food security and nutrition and sustainable rural livelihoods;
- Provides expertise in the use of advanced analytical tools and mixed methods in the context of rigorous impact evaluations;
- Provides backstopping support to field projects related to agriculture, food security and nutrition, social protection and/or impact evaluation techniques;
- Contributes to the management and work of the ESA division as a whole, ensuring that the household economic analysis work is well integrated with other Divisional economic research and policy analysis, as well as with the renewed FAO Strategic Framework.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in combining household level economic and quantitative analysis with policy engagement in food and agricultural issues (indicatively: poverty, food security and nutrition, social protection and agricultural economics)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of experience in economic and quantitative analysis of food and agricultural development issues (indicatively: poverty, food security and nutrition, social protection and agricultural economics)
- Extent and relevance of experience in combining knowledge generation with policy engagement in food and agricultural development issues
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications (PhD or equivalent degree will count for two years of professional experience)
- Extent of knowledge and/or experience with impact evaluation methods (quantitative, qualitative and partial/general equilibrium)
- Extent and relevance of publications record
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "*How to Apply*"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

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HOW TO APPLY

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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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