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Terms of Reference for a Regional Position

Job Title:	FSNWG Coordinator		
Division/Department:	ICPAC		
Location:	ICPAC Headquarters, Nairobi Kenya		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	August 2017	Duration:	5 months, with possibility of renewal
Reports to:	Title:		Director ICPAC

General Description of task(s) and objectives to be achieved

Background

The Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) is a regional platform founded in the early 2000's, currently co-chaired by IGAD and FAO. Since the early 2000's, the FNSWG has served regional government, donors, and non-governmental agencies. Current membership includes approximately 120 organizations (IGAD, UN agencies, NGOs, donors and research institutions) who contribute to the main working group and its nutrition, markets, food security information, livestock and pastoralist, crop and refugees subgroups. The recent developments in the Horn of Africa since the Famine of 2011 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—the historic agreement to end poverty and promote shared economic prosperity, social development, and environmental protection - brought to the surface fundamental issues that call for a major shift in the way FSNWG is performing and for a greater focus on understanding the changing nature of risks and its implications in terms of programmatic options.

Over the last 2 years, the FSNWG has made significant progress in responding to the emerging challenges and to the needs of member states in the IGAD region. However, institutional processes are yet to be finalized and issues related to operationalizing the priorities set by FSNWG members have emerged. In November 2016, IGAD requested FAO to support the review of the institutional framework, the strategic priorities and the coordination mechanisms of FSNWG and RAU to address the current challenges.

Objectives to be achieved by the Consultant

The overall purpose of the FSNWG Coordinator is to provide operational support, technical and strategic guidance and advice in the management and implementation of the FSNWG functions. The consultant will be jointly supervised by IGAD and FAO and will report to both institutions as co-chair in full collaboration with regional and national government and all FSNWG partners. The FSNWG Coordinator will perform the following duties in specific:

- In close collaboration with IGAD, members states and participating countries, provide strategic, management and technical support to the Regional Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) and its technical subgroups.
- Represent FSNWG in other regional and interregional coordination.
- Lead the Coordination of FSNWG as to enhance the capacity of FSNWG in generating regular regional FS and Nutrition analyses, consolidate Early Warning information and engage into Response analysis;
- Coordinate technical support to countries (Member States, IPC and FAO country programmes) and flow of food security and nutrition information related to Early Action and contingency planning;

- Engage in resource mobilization for an optimal functioning of FSNWG including developing proposals, advocacy materials and reporting to the donors
- Support IGAD and FAO in organizing technical and strategic meetings related to food security and nutrition, and represent FSNWG at key strategic regional platform (IDDRSI, GHACOF etc) as necessary.
- Engage with the Management Advisory Board of FSNWG to support the development of a Joint Programme of work and lead roll-out of the FSNWG Strategy and Work Plans in the region.
- Perform other related duties as required

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- Advanced University Degree in a relevant subject (agriculture, livestock, nutrition, food security, agricultural economics, and development studies);
- 10 years of relevant experience in general areas of agriculture and/or food security and nutrition coordination;
- Extent of professional experience in project management, with a particular emphasis on food security and information systems, tools development, IPC analysis and training, and programming in food security and related areas;
- Experience in networking and partnerships, and relevant cluster coordination.

Selection criteria:

- Relevance and quality of work experience;
- Relevance of analytical skills and knowledge of analytical concepts and methods for food security analysis;
- Experience working in the Horn of Africa and IGAD;
- Leadership, networking and coordination skills;
- English and French writing, presentation and communication skills.

1. Key performance indicators

Expected deliverables:	Required Completion Date:
1. Take lead in developing a fundraising strategy	30 September 2017
2. Lead in organising a workshop in collaboration with CILSS	31 October 2017
3. Lead in organizing the first technical meeting with MS	30 November 2017

Applications in the form of a Motivation letter, detailed CV with at least 3 references should be sent to the Director ICPAC (director@icpac.net) by close of Business Friday 21st July 2017. The incumbent is expected to start work on 1st August 2017.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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