

Job Title: Food Security Sector Coordinator (Consultant) Damascus VA069-2018

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Selection of staff is made on a competitive basis, and we are committed to promoting diversity and gender balance.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

From 02 August 2018 till 16 August 2018

ABOUT WFP

The United Nations World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. The mission of WFP is to help the world **achieve Zero Hunger** in our lifetimes. Every day, WFP works worldwide to ensure that no child goes to bed hungry and that the poorest and most vulnerable, particularly women and children, can access the nutritious food they need.

JOB PURPOSE

Background : Syria remains the largest and most complex humanitarian emergency globally with 13.5 million people in need of assistance, of which 5 million are children. 10.8 million people have become displaced internally or have become refugees. The 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview food security and livelihood sector estimated that around 10 million people are in need of various levels of food, agriculture, and livelihood-related assistance in Syria. Of the total people in need, it is estimated that 4 million people in high severity sub districts and are highly food insecure.

Following the adoption of UN resolutions 2139 and 2165 by the United Nations Security Council, humanitarian actors operating inside Syria from Damascus or across the borders from neighboring countries organized themselves around a "Whole of Syria" (WOS) approach in an effort to improve the effectiveness and operational reach of their collective responses.

The cornerstone of the WOS approach is a commitment by all humanitarian partners to a coordinated response through the IASC sector / cluster approach to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their response through (1) developing a principled, predictable and systematic operational planning process; (2) ensuring greater coherence across the different operational modalities (ie. cross-line, cross-border or regular programmes) through improved coordination; and (3) strengthening information-sharing and monitoring of response.

Since May 2014, WFP, FAO and NGO partners have reached a common understanding on the need to better coordinate food security and livelihood interventions for Syria, across all hubs and agreed to establish a regional coordination hub in Amman which will cover the Whole of Syria related coordination issues including a comprehensive Needs, Response and Gaps analysis.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES (not all-inclusive)

Responsibilities

The consultant hired under these terms of reference will lead the Food Security Sector and will report to the Country Director/Deputy Country Director or a delegated person from management of WFP and FAO, and will undertake the following:

1. Ensure inclusion of key humanitarian partners within the sector coordination mechanism:
 - Identify key humanitarian partners for the sector, respecting their existing mandates and program priorities
 - Provide appropriate coordination with all humanitarian partners (including national and international NGOs, the Red Crescent Movement, and other international organizations active in the sector) as well as with national authorities and local structures;
 - Ensure that participants within each sector work collectively, ensuring the complementarity of the various stakeholder's actions;
 - Establish/maintain appropriate sectoral and intersectoral coordination mechanisms, including working groups at the national, and if necessary, local level;

- Represent the interests of the sector in discussions with the RRC on prioritization, resource mobilization and advocacy; Act as focal point for inquiries on the sector's response plans and operations.
 - Act as Food Security Cluster/Sector coordinator for Jordan Cross-Border as well as the Cluster focal point for the WOS food security interventions.
2. Ensure predictable responses within the sector, including the identification of gaps and the updating of sector response plans and integration of the IASC's agreed priority cross-cutting issues, namely human rights protection, age, accountability, gender and environment
 3. Disseminate and apply technical standards and best practices
 4. Ensure adequate verification and reporting mechanisms are in place to measure progress against implementation plans and sector objectives. This will include:
 - Ensuring adequate monitoring mechanisms are in place to review impact of the sector and progress against implementation plans to include an analytical interpretation of best available information to benchmark progress of the emergency response over time; i.e. use of monitoring indicators (quantity, quality, coverage, continuity and cost) of interventions, which are derived from working towards meeting standards (mentioned in point 4).
 - Ensuring regular and adequate reporting against sector indicators of intervention progress and impact (quantity, quality, coverage, continuity and cost), to include a sector gaps analysis.
 - Ensuring effective information sharing (with OCHA support), with due regard for age and gender desegregation.
 - In collaboration with food security sector partners through the sector/cluster hubs based on the information collected develop a comprehensive gaps analysis for Syria.
 5. Provide a forum for advocacy and resource mobilization which includes:
 - Identification of core advocacy concerns, including resource requirements, and contribute key messages to broader advocacy initiatives of the RHC and other actors; Advocating for donors to fund sector partners to carry out priority activities, while at the same time encouraging sector partners to mobilize resources for their activities through their usual channels.
 6. Strengthen the capacity of humanitarian actors through training and capacity investment through:
 - Promoting and support training of humanitarian personnel and capacity building of humanitarian partners; Supporting efforts to strengthen the capacity of the national/local partners and civil society.
 7. Lead emergency preparedness and contingency planning

STANDARD MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Advanced degree in Economics, Food Security, Public Health/Nutrition, Social Sciences or other field relevant to international development assistance or First University Degree with additional years of related work experience and/or trainings/courses.

Experience:

- At least 7 years of experience in Food Security operations/ Coordination
- Ability to work independently and to interact with a large team.

Language: Written and oral English skills; working knowledge of French, Arabic or Spanish is an asset.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Please upload your CV in English
- Only short-listed candidates shall be contacted.
- Candidates must get an auto confirmation email once applying.
- Interested Candidates are requested to share their CV and one-page Expression of Interest

HOW TO APPLY

Internal candidate:

<https://performancemanager5.successfactors.eu/sf/jobreq?jobId=86668&company=C0000168410P&username=>

External candidate:

<https://career5.successfactors.eu/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=86668&company=C0000168410P&username=>

Female applicants and qualified applicants from developing countries are especially encouraged to apply

WFP has zero tolerance for discrimination and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.

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.