

Early Warning and Intervention (AIP)/Anticipatory Actions (AA) Expert

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Renewable fixed-term contract

Niamey (Niger)

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5 years

French - English - Local languages

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Job Type

: Temporary work

Requisition Type: NPP (National Project Personnel)

Grade: N/A

Main location

: Niger-Niamey

Duration: 6 months renewable

Position number: N/A

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Organizational framework

The main objective of FAO country offices, which are headed by a Representative, is to assist governments in developing policies, programmes and projects to ensure food security and reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner. The FAO office in Niger has developed with the Government a Country Programming Framework 2023/2027. The targets of the interventions are farmers and their organisations, the most vulnerable segments of the rural and peri-urban population and formal and informal rural institutions.

Hierarchical position

The Expert will work under the general supervision of the FAO Representative in Niger, the direct supervision of the Assistant to the Representative in Charge of the Programme, and in relation with the technical experts of the country office, the Africa sub-region and headquarters.

Area of specialization

The incumbent will work on Early Warning and Response and Anticipatory Actions and any intervention that translates warnings into anticipatory actions to reduce the impact of disasters on vulnerable and food insecure communities. FAO's work on EWEA/AA includes risk analysis, advocacy and partnerships at global and national levels as well as early action systems development and implementation activities. These responsibilities cover the following functions:

Duties and Responsibilities

The expert will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Analyse existing information on vulnerability and disaster risks by identifying risks to agriculture and food security, priority areas and livelihoods;
- Establish early warning triggers and formulate crisis calendars overlaying seasonality, livelihood information to identify time frames for early warning and anticipatory action;
- Define protocols and standard operating procedures and strengthen partnerships and inter-agency efforts on EWEA at country level;
- Support EWEA institutionalization efforts with key government partners;
- Support capacity building activities at country level, including the FAO-EWEA Capacity Building Programme;
- Represent and conduct EWEA advocacy activities with donors, technical partners and UN agencies;
- Support impact assessments, including return on investment of early action;
- Co-facilitate the Food Security Cluster;
- Contribute to the Food Security analysis.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

Minimum requirements to be met

The candidate must ensure that he/she meets the following minimum requirements:

- Have a higher education degree of at least Bac+4 in the following fields: agronomy, livestock farming, agropastoralism, food and nutrition security, climate change, socio-economics, rural economy or any equivalent degree;
- Have a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience in the humanitarian and agricultural/rural development sectors, including experience working with national and international NGOs, United Nations agencies, government (DNPCCA, etc.) and donors and have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in the field of Early Intervention (AIP)/Anticipatory Actions (AA);
- Nigerien nationality;
- Fluent in French and at least one of the local languages.

Basic skills required by FAO

- Results-oriented
 - Team player
 - Good communication skills •
- Building constructive relationships
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement

Technical/functional skills

- Demonstrate good analytical and writing skills;
- Team player, initiative and ability to work under minimal supervision;
- Good knowledge of the functioning of United Nations agencies would be an asset.

Selection criteria

- Have experience in early warning and risk analysis, climatology, disaster risk management, agricultural economics, social/political sciences, food security analysis or a closely related field
- Be fluent in spoken and written French. Average knowledge of English is an asset
- Knowledge of at least one local language (Hausa, Zarma, Fula...etc.);

The candidate will work towards the satisfactory completion of the mission, a sine qua non condition for payment of his/her services.

The candidate, once recruited, is responsible for and must comply with the national laws applicable to incumbents.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- FAO does not charge any fees at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview, processing of the file).
- Applications received after the closing date of the announcement will not be accepted.
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