

TERMS OF REFERENCE: International Consultant

JOB TITLE:	Food Security Assessment International Consultant
TYPE OF CONTRACT:	Consultancy (When Actually Employed-WAE)
UNIT/DIVISION:	Programme (VAM)
DUTY STATION (City, Country)	Sri Lanka
DURATION:	40 working days (ASAP – 31 July 2022)

BACKGROUND: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) 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 nutrition food they need.

WFP has been present in Sri Lanka since 1968 and has been progressively moving from direct delivery of programmes to development work and capacity building of both institutions and communities to address the challenges of food insecurity and malnutrition. Under the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2018 – 2022, WFP works with the Government and partners to strengthen access to nutritious food, address malnutrition and improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers through sustainable agriculture. WFP also supports emergency preparedness and response planning, including developing shock-responsive safety net programmes, in order for people to have continued access to food all-year round.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 severely affected the island nation including lost jobs and reduced incomes. This has been compounded by the ongoing economic crisis which has resulted in a sharp increase in food prices and shortage of essential items across the country. To better support the Government and communities, WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations have organized to conduct a Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) of the current food crop production and assess the overall food supply and food security situation in Sri Lanka. By analyzing the food security situation at the macro and micro level, CFSAM can make recommendations on how any national-level deficit should be made up, which vulnerable groups need assistance and the type of assistance needed by different groups to be provided. The CFSAM will provide multisectoral stakeholders with timely and credible information on food supply and food security conditions so that appropriate actions can be taken by the government, international community, and others, to minimize the impact of the food emergency on the affected populations. WFP, in collaboration with FAO, will work closely with the appropriate Government agencies and invite external observers, such as United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the European Commission (EC), the British High Commission amongst others, if approved by the national Government.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT: Job holder will work under the supervision of Senior Regional Monitoring and VAM Adviser at WFP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific and in close collaboration with WFP CO staff and FAO mission team.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

WFP Food Security Specialist Responsibilities:

- Represent WFP and collaborate with FAO to contribute to technical discussions, exchange of knowledge and experience in order to conduct the assessment effectively
- Critically review all available information on the food security situation at household level. Review information related to contextual factors important to food and nutrition security.
- To support the preparatory phase of the mission by reviewing available data on the current crisis including socio-economic, employment, income, agriculture, affordability (from FNG prior work), nutrition, and related factors such as WASH (access to safe food and water, sanitation and hygiene), identify the nature and distribution of potential problems, and examine the probable linkages with the food security situation and other factors. Review of available market data and the implications on household food security.
- Lead primary data collection in the field, develop questionnaire, design survey and provide support to the training of enumerators and technical supervision.
- Based on the analysis plan, conduct relevant data and information cleaning and analysis.
- Lead drafting of WFP's section in report in collaboration with the WFP country office and support finalization of CFSAM report in collaboration with FAO, ensuring standard quality checks are performed and that the final report is delivered in a timely manner.
- Take initiative to fortify and maintain the partnership with national Government, national technical partners and others that may apply
- Explore way to establish high-frequency mobile phone based surveys in Kyrgyz Republic and Sri Lanka

Deliverables

- Cleaned dataset and information documentation based on the field interviews and data collection.
- Finalized CFSAM report with WFP contribution on Sri Lanka food system and food security analysis.

Knowledge and personal qualities:

- Strong knowledge and experience in using database and statistical software, especially SPSS.
- Strong English written and oral communication skills.
- Strategic thinking and initiative-problem solver
- Cultural savviness and interpersonal skills
- Ability to deliver work in a timely manner
- Strong knowledge and experience in previous CFSAM and/or similar assessments
- Ability to maintain and develop a strong partnership with FAO, national Government and other relevant partners



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STANDARD MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Advanced university degree in statistics, sociology, economics, nutrition, agriculture, geography, nutrition, international development or similar relevant discipline.

Experience:

- At least 7 years (of which 3 international) of postgraduate progressively responsible professional experience in food security, vulnerability analysis or a closely related area, such as food security information management systems.
- Has led surveys, multiple food security and nutrition assessments in countries, including the design, data collection and analysis to inform decision making.
- Has solid track record of report writing.
- Has experience in partnership building and capacity building for national partner.
- Has participated in design and implementation of WFP programmes focusing on food security and resilience building.
- Past work experience related with/in Sri Lanka is an asset.

Technical Skills and Knowledge: Strong knowledge of statistical analysis for humanitarian purposes. Advanced software skills in SPSS is required.

Language: Proficiency (Level C) of English. Ability to draft professional reports without the need for additional editing before publishing

Certified by Hiring Manager (Nicolas BIDAULT/ Senior Reginal RAM Officer) & signature):

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Accepted by Short-term/Consultancy contract holder (name & signature):

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