

REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY ANALYST

IGAD FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND RESILIENCE ANALYSIS HUB

Background

IGAD is one of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) of the African Union. IGAD was initially created in 1986 as the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD) to coordinate the efforts of the Member States in combating desertification and promoting efforts to mitigate the effects of drought. Whereas IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) is a Specialised Institution of IGAD with the mission fostering climate services and knowledge to enhance community resilience for prosperity in the Greater Horn of Africa.

A new entity called IGAD Food Security, Nutrition and Resilience Analysis Hub (IFRAH) was initiated in June 2018 under a directive from IGAD Executive Secretary. IFRAH integrates some of the existing food security and resilience units already existing within IGAD. These include the Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG), Resilience Analysis Unit (RAU) and Integrated Phase Classification (IPC). The rationale is based on recognition of the interlinkages and synergetic functions of food security and nutrition analysis, IPC and resilience analysis to be harnessed along with ICPAC Climate Forecasts and CEWARN information on conflict and ICPALD on livestock body condition as basis for an Early Warning System to trigger early action to prevent food crises.

The mission of IFRAH is to galvanize and build capacities for timely, harmonized generation, analysis and communication of integrated food security, nutrition and resilience information and knowledge. To facilitate uptake of timely and consensual decision making for humanitarian, resilience, development and peace building actions in line with member countries, IDDRSI and other relevant IGAD strategies.

The overall goal of IFRAH is to contribute to the efforts by IGAD and Member states to achieve strengthened analytical capacities and institutional mechanisms needed to support the decision-making processes on food security, nutrition and resilience in the IGAD region. The main objective is to contribute to the efforts by IGAD and Member states to achieve strengthened analytical capacities and institutional mechanisms needed to support the decision-making processes on food security, nutrition and resilience in the IGAD region.

One of the key components of IFRAH is its work within FSNWG, a regional platform currently co-chaired by IGAD and FAO. Since the early 2000's, the FSNWG has served national governments, donors, and non-governmental agencies to share data, information and updates on food security issues. Current membership includes approximately 120 organizations (IGAD, UN agencies, NGOs, donors and research institutions) who contribute to the main working group and its subgroups on nutrition, markets, food security information, livestock and pastoralist, crop and refugees. The recent developments in the Horn of Africa since the Famine of 2011, the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) in 2013 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development brought to the surface fundamental issues that call for a major shift in the way FSNWG carries out its activities, with a greater focus on understanding critical food security issues, as well as, resilience analysis .

IFRAH seeks to recruit a **Regional Food Security Analyst**. Details below

Duties and responsibilities

The overall role of Regional Food Security Analyst is to provide; operational support, technical guidance in relation to the management and implementation of food security, nutrition information analysis for IGAD, specialized centers and member states. Furthermore, the analyst shall be expected to work in close collaboration with IGAD Member States, regional and international partners.

The Analyst will perform the following duties in specific:

- Lead the coordination on food security issues to enhance the capacity of FSNWG in generating regular regional food security and nutrition analysis, consolidate early warning information and engage in response analysis;
- Coordinate technical support to countries and flow of food security and nutrition information relating to early action and contingency planning;
- Contribute to the revitalization progress and coordination of FSNWG within IFRAH, IGAD, specialized offices and Member States.
- Engage into resource mobilization for food security information including developing technical proposals, advocacy materials and reporting to the donors
- Support IGAD, IFRAH and FAO in organizing technical and strategic meetings related to food security and nutrition and represent FSNWG in key strategic regional platform (GHACOF, IDDRSI etc.) as necessary.
- Contribute to the institution process of IFRAH/FSNWG in Member States in coordination with IPC and RAU.
- Contribute to the development of new structure of IFRAH and role out to the IGAD Member States, including preparation of background materials, technical brief and technical reports, particularly on the food security and nutrition components.

- Engage with the IFRAH team on the roll out of strategic and work plans in the region.
- Take a lead on a sound data analysis to support rapid assessments, IPC, and any thematic and interagency assessments in Member States;
- Develop methodology and tools for surveys and assessments including field data collection and use of secondary information;
- Serve as the focal person for collating and maintaining food security, and related data and information analysis;
- Provide training to relevant IGAD and Member States staff on quantitative analysis techniques and on field surveys;
- Support the capacity of IGAD's Member States and other partners in quantitative analysis techniques;
- Any other tasks as assigned by the Coordinator of IFRAH or by the management when necessary.

1. Required Qualifications, Experience and Skills

The applicant should possess the following;

Qualifications: • Advanced degree in a field related to food security or other relevant area

Education requirements:

- University degree (Master or higher) in a field of Agriculture, agricultural economics or other field related to food security, natural, development studies, or other relevant fields with specialization in food security.

Work experience:

- A minimum of seven (7) years of practical working experience in areas related to food security with experience in quantitative analysis.

Key Skills and Competencies:

- Good technical expertise in formulation of food security and nutrition projects, programmes, plans and strategies.
- Experience in; research, data analysis, report writing, publications and high-level presentations.
- Knowledge of food security strategies and policies
- Good knowledge of use of computer tools and programs
- Familiarity with IPC
- Familiarity with IGAD Region
- Good inter-personal skills
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Good writing skills (publications, technical reports, briefs)
- Ability to prepare written reports in a clear, concise and meaningful manner

- Ability to work with minimum supervision
- Good knowledge of the IGAD region
- Fluency in English (French will be an added advantage)

2. Reporting

The Selected candidate will report to the ICPAC Director through the supervision of the Coordinator of IFRAH.

3. Remuneration

Negotiable within the IGAD project salary Scale and policy

4. Contract Duration

Two (2) years (1 Year, Renewable, Performance Based Contract). Further extensions contingent upon availability of funding.

5. Work Station

The Food Security Analyst will be based in Nairobi, Kenya with frequent travels to IGAD Member States

6. How to Apply

Please send your Cover Letter, Detailed Curriculum Vitae and Scanned Copies of Certificates before the **30th May 2019** to the following Address:

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