



# FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## Vacancy Announcement

**Project:** GCP/GLO/275/EC - EC/FAO Programme on Information Systems to Improve Food Security Decision-Making in the European Neighbouring Policy (ENP) East Area  
**Title:** Country Coordinator in Azerbaijan  
**Duty Station:** Baku, Azerbaijan  
**Duration:** 3 years

### Background:

The EC/FAO Programme on Information Systems to Improve Food Security Decision-Making in ENP East Area is designed to enhance national capacity in generating, analyzing, communicating and mainstreaming reliable food security-related information into food security-related policies and programmes. The Programme will be implemented in four countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) over a period of three years. It builds on the experiences and achievements of the EC/FAO Food Security “Information for Action” Programme (2005-2008).

The Programme is part of the EC Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP) which reflects the European Community's continuous commitment towards achieving MDG1 on hunger reduction. The objective of the FSTP is to improve food security for the poorest and the most vulnerable and to contribute to achieving the MDG1, through a set of actions which ensure overall coherence, complementarities and continuity of the various EU funded interventions, including in the area of transition from relief to development.

In each country, the Programme activities will be identified in close consultation with stakeholders to ensure relevance and ownership of the results. A country-specific workplan will be developed during the Programme inception phase and reviewed every year to ensure that the technical support provided is demand driven and tailored to actual needs.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

The Country Coordinator will work under the supervision of the International Programme Coordinator and in close consultation with the national counterparts of the Programme, the EC Delegation and the FAO Representation. The Country Coordinator will be based in the country. She/he will provide day-to-day support to implement Programme activities. The Country Coordinator will be from the country or will be selected among a pool of locally-based national or regional experts with previous experience in the region, if highly qualified national experts cannot be identified.

The Country Coordinator will play an active role in the Inception Phase for the formulation of a detailed country work plan, in collaboration with food security stakeholders. The Country Coordinators will be part of the Country Coordination Team and represent the Programme in the country and in international fora when required.

The Country Coordinator will contribute to meeting the Programme reporting requirements, selecting consultants, carrying out capacity building activities, organizing workshops and seminars, providing support to missions, networking and coordination.

Specific duties are as follows:

- Contribute technical, management and organizational inputs to all the activities of the Programme in the country;
- Contribute technical advice for strengthening the food security analytical capacity in the country, reinforcing the link between food security information and response;
- Monitor day-to-day activities of the Programme in the country to ensure relevance, timeliness and efficiency of implementation, and proposing corrective actions when needed;
- Contribute to the functioning of Programme implementation mechanisms by participating in the Country Coordination Team, serving as Secretariat, and other Programme meetings;
- Participate in national policy dialogue and carry out advocacy activities for mainstreaming agricultural and rural development and food security into national and subnational poverty policies and programmes;
- Coordinate the implementation of the communication and knowledge sharing strategy, implementing activities to increase awareness and understanding of food security issues among analysts, policy-makers and the media and ensuring adequate communication of all information products generated with support from the Programme through appropriate channels including the “Food Security Information for Action” Website;
- Facilitate networking and information exchange in the country among relevant stakeholders, including governmental and non-governmental organizations, the EC and FAO representatives;
- Ensure liaison with Government officials, key donor partners and other stakeholders on issues of relevance to the implementation of the programme’s activities.

**Qualifications:**

- University degree in agronomy, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering or related field;
- At least five years of demonstrated experience in formulating, implementing and managing agricultural/rural development and food security-related programmes and projects in the country or the region and with government institutions;
- Working knowledge of English; knowledge of Russian and the local language;
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing;
- Computer literacy and ability to use effectively word processing, statistical software and other office automation equipment.
- Networking and coordination skills.

**Salary:**

The salary offered will depend on the qualifications and experience of the candidate. We will value, in particular, the extent of experience in managing food security information programmes

and projects, the technical expertise in a field related to food security and the experience in other countries.

Applications can be submitted to Ms Françoise Trine at the following address:

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or hard copies can be delivered to FAO Representation Office in Azerbaijan (*40, U.Hajibeyov, Government House, room #838*).

Applications will be considered only if accompanied by an updated CV or FAO Personal History Form (available at <http://www.fao.org/VA/adm11e.dot>).

Application Deadline: 25 February 2010