

## **JPO Job Description**

### **Junior Food security and Nutrition Analyst**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Title:	Junior Food security and nutrition analyst
Sector:	Food Security Analysis Service, ODXF
Location:	Rome, WFP HQ
Duration of Assignment:	2 years

#### **SUPERVISION**

Supervision by: Kathryn Ogden (Food Security Analyst) and Sylvie Montembault (Senior Program Advisor for Emergency Food Security Assessments – EFSA).

#### **Content and methodology of the supervision:**

The supervisor will provide day-to-day supervision and coaching of the JPO's work. A work plan will be prepared at the outset of the assignment. The supervisor will review the progress against the JPO's work plan on a regular basis (usually monthly) and will include mid-year progress review and a yearly written performance evaluation. The JPO will receive progressively more challenging assignments, commensurate with her/ his abilities.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Within the Food Security Analysis service (ODXF), under the supervision of the Food Security Analyst (first supervisor) and of the head of the Emergency Food Security Assessments section, and in close collaboration with other members of the Food Security Analysis Service (ODXF) and the Nutrition Programme Unit , the JPO will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- Support the application of alternative sampling methods for collection of anthropometric indicators ('Lot Quality Assurance Sampling') and the collection of indicators such as Middle Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) of children under 5 years and women. This includes: training of staff, sampling design, quality control of collected data, and data analysis in conjunction with the rest of the information collected in the EFSA for the identification of response options and recommendations.
- Contribute to the development of practical guidance on sampling methods, data collection and analysis of indirect indicators of the nutritional situation, for field practitioners.
- Identify opportunities to introduce indirect indicators of nutritional status and / or some direct indicators such as MUAC or Body Mass Index (BMI) of women in food security monitoring and early warning systems, focusing in particular on countries where WFP is operational or engaged directly in the implementation or use of these systems.
- Assist with the development of tools to guide national teams to field test the indicators developed by the research studies (nutritional indicators, indicators of food security - access and diversity of food consumption).

- In addition to WFP's needs vis-à-vis the various activities described above, identify other organizations involved in joint work areas taking into account their needs and tools, early in the process, and organize the work accordingly.
- Assist with the organization and participate in technical meetings on various topics mentioned above both internal and external.
- Conduct field missions to provide technical support as needed to test new technical approaches.
- Represent ODXF, if necessary, in inter-agency fora on food security and nutrition, such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Global Nutrition Cluster (and specifically the Assessment Working Group) and the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN).
- Prepare notes, presentations and reports to colleagues and donors on the above work areas and issues, as needed.
- Perform other related duties that may arise as the position develops, including supporting the Food Security Analyst work areas on emerging themes.

## **QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

### **Qualifications**

- Master level degree in nutrition, public health or related discipline.
- At least three years of postgraduate professional experience in nutrition and development programmes. Experience in emergency contexts an advantage.
- Experience in designing and conducting a nutritional survey and/or a food security assessment with nutritional indicators, VAM or EFSA is considered a plus.

### **Skills/competencies required**

- Computer skills: Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office and at least one statistical package (SPSS, EPI Info, SMART or other) is essential.
- Language proficiency in English and intermediate knowledge (level B) of another UN language (French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese).
- Strong analytical/research and knowledge management skills.
- Excellent writing, drafting, editing and presentation skills.

### **Work experience**

- At least 3 years post graduate
- Experience in participatory methods and some training experience
- Experience in reporting
- Experience in the field of communication and/or public information.

## **TRAINING COMPONENTS**

Training will take place primarily through regular feedback from on-the-job experience. In addition, the JPO will be encouraged to attend WFP trainings relevant to his/ her field of work when they are organised.

### **Learning Elements**

After the assignment the JPO will:

- Have a clear understanding of WFP's structure, operations, strategies and policies
- Understand the work of the food security analysis service and its contribution to WFP programming
- Have an overview of how to plan and manage a food security and nutrition assessment from start to finish
- Contribute to the development and formalization of new technical approaches
- Plan and assist in the implementation of combined food security and nutrition assessments focusing on the new technical approaches
- Assist in efficient fundraising and advocacy

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Before intervening in a country, the first priority for WFP is to analyse the food security situation of the population. WFP's food security analysis work is commonly known as VAM (Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping) and is carried out by 120 analysts around the world.

Be it an emergency or otherwise, WFP needs to answer some critical questions before it designs an operation. Who is hungry? How many of them are there? Where do they live? Why are they hungry? Who is vulnerable and could become hungry if there is a natural disaster or crisis?

Only when they have these answers can WFP experts decide on the scale of intervention, the type of intervention and the most appropriate responses required to save people's lives and livelihoods.

WFP has a unique network of about 120 specialists all around the world whose job it is to answer these fundamental questions. In this section you can consult our Food Security Analysis Reports which present food security, nutrition, markets, health and education findings. Our analysts work closely with national governments, UN partners and NGOs.

Some of WFP's other highly visible and valued outputs are maps. VAM develops maps identifying food insecurity but also emerging vulnerability. To do this we use the latest technologies such as satellite imagery, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or Personal Digital Assistants (PDA).

Another important part of our VAM work are guidelines and references, which provide the humanitarian community with up-to-date guidance, tools and tips to assess needs in different contexts. WFP is constantly researching new fields to understand how economic, social and ecological trends affect poor and vulnerable families.