



**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Office of Evaluation (OED)**

**Call for expressions of interest (EOIs) – Team Leader and member for
the Evaluation of the “Education for effective nutrition in action” projects**

Date of EOI: 15 May 2015

Closing date of EOI: 31 May 2015

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals for the provision of services to complete the independent evaluation of two FAO/German funded projects:

- Final evaluation of the project: “Professional training in nutrition education and communication for strengthening national capacity in nutrition behavior change “ shortly known as : “Education for effective nutrition in action” (ENACT), and
- Mid-term evaluation of the French adaptation of the ENACT project: “Education for effective nutrition in action in francophone Africa” (ENAF)

The full TOR will be provided to those shortlisted for the assignment.

Background

In 2010, the Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) conducted a needs assessment on training for nutrition education in seven African countries, and results showed that suitable approaches and relevant training were lacking or irregularly available in most sectors and settings. To address this need, FAO, with the funding support of the German Government, initiated a three-year project on “*Professional training in nutrition education and communication for strengthening national capacity in nutrition behaviour change*”, shortly known as ENACT: *Education for effective nutrition in action*. This project, which is expected to end on October 2015, has been implemented in seven African countries as follows: Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda.

In January 2014, FAO launched the adaptation and French version of the ENACT course: the ENAF. This project, also funded by the German government, covers five countries of francophone Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, and Niger.

The expected long-term impact of ENACT/ENAF projects is to improve people’s nutrition practices; primarily by improving, at the intermediate-term, national capacities for planning, delivering and evaluating nutrition education and communication interventions in African countries.

The main expected outcomes of the project include:

- **Outcome 1:** Adoption and effective use of ENACT and ENAF course in African training institutions, and further interest in institutional adoption expressed.
- **Outcome 2:** Permanent establishment and application of the ENACT/ENAF training of trainers course in a regional African training centre.
- **Outcome 3:** An actively interacting community of national, regional and international nutrition educators, sharing a common understanding for nutrition education, and experienced for carrying out nutrition education training.
- **Outcome 4:** A greater awareness among governments and relevant international organizations of the need for nutrition education training.

Purpose and scope of the evaluation

The evaluation will cover the final evaluation of the ENACT project and the mid-term evaluation of the ENAF project. The Final Evaluation of the ENACT project will be summative, consolidating and verifying information on the achievements and the impact in improving the national capacities for planning, delivering and evaluating nutrition education and communication interventions in African countries. The evaluation will also be forward-looking; identifying good practices and lessons learned from the ENACT project, that can contribute to the strategic planning and implementation of the ENAF project. The mid-term evaluation of the ENAF project will assess the progress made in achieving project expected outcomes and will identify corrective actions, if needed.

Scope of the Evaluation

The time frame covered by the evaluation will include:

- Final evaluation ENACT: from the project beginning (November 2011) until the start of the evaluation (August-September 2015);
- Mid-term evaluation ENAF: from the project beginning (January 2014) until the start of the evaluation (August-September 2015).

The geographical scope will include project activities in all countries, with tentative field missions to three of the total pilot countries.

Desired team profile

The Evaluation Team will be comprised of a team leader and a team member, with an appropriate balance of relevant technical expertise and experience in evaluation. The evaluation experts must have a combination of solid experience in project/programme evaluation, and meet the following criteria:

- Postgraduate degree in relevant disciplines (Nutrition, Education or related disciplines)
- At least 8 years of professional experience in the area of Nutrition Education, Food Security and/or Capacity Development;
- Excellent communication skills (both written and oral) in English and French.
- Experience developing and/or evaluating university trainings is an asset

The evaluation will be guided by FAO Office of Evaluation, OED. The Evaluation Team is responsible for conducting the evaluation and applying the methodology. The team will participate in briefing and debriefing meetings in Rome, discussions, field visits, and will contribute to the evaluation with written inputs.

The Evaluation Team is fully responsible for its independent report, which may not necessarily reflect the views of the Government or FAO. OED is responsible for ensuring conformity with standards for project/programme evaluation in FAO.

Application process:

Interested candidates should send their application by **31 May 2015**, to the email address:

Natalia.Acosta@fao.org. Please specify "Evaluation of ENACT and ENAF projects" in the email subject line. Applications should include a detailed Curriculum Vitae containing:

- Information on sex, age, current residence and nationality;
- Expected daily fee rate (exclusive of expenses); and,
- Availability between August to October 2015.

As standard practice in OED evaluations, the consultant should not have been involved in the design or implementation of FAO activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration. The selected candidates will be requested to complete their online profile in the FAO iRecruitment platform: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>. Successful candidates will be offered individual consultant contracts which will entitle them to an honorarium, daily subsistence allowance while on mission out of his or her home-base, and insurance while on mission. All travel will be organized by the Office of Evaluation.