



# Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

*Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts – to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. Our three main goals are: the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and, the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations.*

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>National IT Specialist</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>3 months</b>
<b>Duty Station:</b>	<b>Colombo</b>	<b>Remuneration:</b>	<b>SB 5</b>

The project “Responding to the Economic Crisis: Protecting smallholder farmer livelihoods through safe and efficient use of fertilizer and quality seed for better productivity in paddy farming” aims at responding to the Economic Crisis in Sri Lanka, protecting smallholder farmer livelihoods through safe and efficient use of fertilizer and quality seed for better productivity in paddy farming. The project promotes transition of Sri Lankan agriculture towards more sustainable farming inputs including integrating use of organic fertilizer through IPNM. For this, the project will focus on soil fertility and supply of precise amount of plant nutrient for sustaining the desired productivity through optimization of the benefits of all possible sources of organic, inorganic and biological components in an integrated manner. This would address a vital missing component in the country’s crop management system for paddy and would be extremely beneficial for both environmental and economic perspectives.

The incumbent will be under the overall administrative leadership and supervision of the FAO Representative in Sri Lanka (FAOR) and the direct supervision of the Assistant FAOR (Programme) and the National Project Manager, International IT Operations Consultant and the IT unit of the Extension and Training Centre (ETC) of the Department of Agriculture. He / She will contribute to achieve the expected results of the project “Extension officials and farmers trained on the right amount, safe and efficient use of fertilizer through IPNM strategy” by strengthening LMS e-platform established in MOA to provide exposure and training on IPNM to the 35000 paddy farmers through designing training and communication material over e-platforms

### **Tasks and Responsibilities**

- Review the existing learning management platforms and mobile applications of the Extension and Training Centre (ETC) of the Department of Agriculture’s and advice the project manager on the feasibility of using the existing platform to enable introduction of new training material developed for the IPNM training in all local language options.
- Upgrade/update existing learning management platforms and mobile applications of the Extension and Training Centre (ETC)
- Work closely with the IT service provider for delivering the Web and Mobile applications of the LMS.
- Review and provide technical advice for the documents related to the LMS.
- Provide support for the DOA staff for the upgrading and maintenance of the LMS e-platform;
- In collaboration with International IT expert and technical experts develop the web based training program on Integrated Plant Nutrient Management.
- Act as the focal point for upgrading of LMS e-platform;

### **How to Apply:**

To view the detailed Terms of Reference and to apply, visit the FAO Sri Lanka website at the following link <http://www.fao.org/srilanka/fao-in-sri-lanka/employment/en/> and create an online profile through the FAO Career Portal to submit your application. Only applications received online will be considered. Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile. Vacancies will be removed from the recruitment portal at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the closing date for applications. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline. If you need assistance, or have queries, please contact: [Careers@fao.org](mailto:Careers@fao.org).