

National Livestock Specialist (OSRO/PAK/901/SPA)

Job Title:	National Livestock Specialist
Job Type:	National Project Personnel (NPP)
Job Location:	Peshawar, NWFP with frequent travel to Islamabad.
Minimum Education:	Master in Degree in DVM/Animal Husbandry
Career Level:	Experienced (Non-Manager)
Minimum Experience:	7 years
Apply by:	26 October 2009

The one year project “Immediate support to restore food security and agriculture-based livelihoods of food-insecure and vulnerable conflict affected rural families in North West Frontier Province (NWFP), Pakistan” is an emergency response project funded by AECID, Spain.

The project aims at providing urgent agriculture support to 13 000 (over 90 000 people) most vulnerable and food insecure returnees and people who remained in their places of origin in NWFP during the conflict, to restore household food security and recover their farming-based livelihoods.

Reporting and Coordination: Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Pakistan, the direct supervision of the Project Manager, and in close cooperation with the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok (RAP) and FAO Headquarters, and government counterpart officials, national and provincial authorities and in coordination with other international and national actors, will undertake the tasks outlined below.

Duration: 4 months with strong possibility of extension.

Experience: Proven technical ability with a minimum of seven years of relevant experience with successful implemented community-based development projects preferably in the Malakand Division. The consultant should possess significant experience in integrated participant participatory rural development.

Responsibilities:

- design needs assessment surveys/questionnaires for the livestock sector for the areas targeted by the project;
- analyze and compile findings of the needs assessment surveys;
- provide specialized technical assistance to the international Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator and the Project Manager on the implementation of the project activities;
- provide technical support in response to the priority needs of targeted beneficiaries, in line with the Government of Pakistan’s response strategy and plan;
- provide specialized technical support to the implementing partners;
- collect and collate information on livestock conditions in the project areas;
- draft technical specifications for the procurement of livestock inputs, and plan the quantities of inputs to be procured under the project;
- investigate the possible sources of inputs to be provided under the project;
- compile and collate information on input suppliers in the province
- assist in the preparation of lists of possible beneficiaries focusing on the most vulnerable returning families;

- prepare letters of agreement and contracts for distribution and monitoring;
- assist in distribution planning;
- ensure monitoring and reporting on development in livestock restocking;
- assist the implementing partners on training;
- assist in the preparation of reports including final report;
- Perform other related duties, as assigned.

Essential qualifications:

- University degree in DVM/Animal Husbandry
- Seven years' practical experience in livestock sector, including the design and implementation of livestock related relief and rehabilitation projects;
- Computer literacy, with proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, Word, Outlook);
- Working knowledge of English and Urdu/Pashtu;
- Experience with United Nations or other international organizations preferred;
- Ability to work independently, to organize and coordinate work; demonstrated ability to write clearly and concisely in working languages.

Note: candidates from Malakand Division with relevant experience required will be given preference.