



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



FAO REGULAR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

➤ What is FAO?

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is an intergovernmental organization comprised of 194 Member Nations, two associate members and one member organization, the European Union. Founded in 1945 to free humanity from hunger and malnutrition, achieving food security is at the heart of FAO. 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. To achieve these goals, FAO focus its resources and programmes to achieve five strategic objectives:



Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition



Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable



Reduce rural poverty



Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems



Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

➤ Overview of FAO's Volunteer Programme

FAO runs its Regular Volunteer Programme to provide opportunities for individuals to contribute their voluntary actions, where suitable, to support FAO's Strategic Objectives and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Programme proactively and strategically mobilizes broad-based voluntary services of citizens of the Member States, especially from the Global South.

FAO's Volunteer Programme offers a unique opportunity to qualified candidates to engage in a mutually beneficial experience, based on the spirit of volunteerism. A stream of young, energetic and highly motivated volunteers from across the globe will enhance FAO's innovation.

The duration of a volunteer assignment is up to eleven months. FAO does not provide any remuneration to volunteers except for insurance coverage.



➤ **FAO Regular Volunteer Programme Eligibility Criteria**

Nationality: candidates must be nationals of FAO Member Nations. For a complete list of FAO Member Nations, please access this link here: <http://www.fao.org/legal/home/fao-members/en/>

Age: candidates must be at least 18 years of age.

Education: candidates must have completed secondary school education.

Languages: candidates must have working knowledge of at least one FAO official language (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian). Knowledge of a second FAO official language will be considered an asset.

Skills: candidates should be able to adapt to an international multicultural environment, have good communication skills and be knowledgeable in the use of basic computer programmes.

Residence/Visa status: candidates should have appropriate residence or immigration status in the country of assignment.

Family relations exclusion: candidates with family members (defined as brother, sister, mother, father) employed by FAO under any type of contract are not eligible for the Volunteer Programme.



➤ **FAO's Goals and Strategic Objectives align with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals**





How to apply

- Apply to “Calls for Expression of Interest”, which are published on the FAO employment web site:
<http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>
- All applicants must apply through the i-recruitment system
<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment/en/>
by submitting an online application form together with a motivation letter.
- Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.
- For more details, please visit Volunteer FAQ on the FAO site.

For more information, please contact:

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