



Programme Officer (Market Analyst) P3

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency, fighting hunger worldwide. We are currently seeking to fill the position of Programme Officer (Market Analyst) P3 in the Policy, Programme and Innovations Division in headquarters in Rome, Italy.

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Selected candidates may be asked to serve in a difficult duty station upon appointment.

Please visit our corporate recruitment website to get more information about being an International Professional in WFP:
<http://www.wfp.org/about/vacancies/professionals>

To support the UN *Zero Hunger* Challenge, the WFP Policy, Programme and Innovations Division aims at developing innovative, cost-effective and sustainable *solutions* to chronic hunger.

The transition from food aid to food assistance has given WFP a broader choice of transfer modalities to enhance food and nutrition security. Within this new space, there are several innovative approaches for WFP to explore and multiple opportunities to adopt market-based approaches to food assistance facilitated by the social/public sector.

WFP's programmes can serve as entry points for **strengthening food market systems** and play a catalytic role in increasing the supply and demand for nutritious foods by leveraging:

- Cash and voucher transfers to enhance access to higher nutritional value foods; and
- Markets policy and legislation to improve the overall quality of staple foods (i.e. market supply is nutrition sensitive and accessible to everybody).

Under the overall supervision of the Senior Programme Adviser and in close collaboration with the Senior Market Adviser, the Market Analyst will lead country-specific market and economic analyses to inform on the potential for market-based approaches. In particular on:

- i) Bottom of the pyramid's **customer demand**. Cash transfer programming (CTP) can enable people economically cut off from markets to participate as buyers of foods, but also of financial and health services. CTP targeted to this population group will generate a demand enabling products and services to be pulled down to where they are needed and at scale.
- ii) **Social demand** for socially valuable goods and services. Where there is an appropriate business case, WFP/public sector supported purchasing power can help anchor demand for the production of nutritionally valuable / enhanced foods for a mass market that producers might not be willing to invest in producing without at least a 'guaranteed' base provided by the social sector – e.g. fortification of staples.
- iii) **Preferred-producer demand** to strengthen participation of smallholder producers and processors in local markets, e.g. P4P and the new smallholder-friendly procurement strategy.

Other duties include:

- Contribute to the refinement of food security and market analyses to adequately inform on programmatic design and transfer modality choices (food, cash, vouchers);
- Carry out ex-ante cost-efficiency and effectiveness analysis, monitoring & evaluation;
- Support capacity building activities on market analysis;
- Undertake field missions to support market-based interventions as part of WFP operations – emergency, relief, recovery and development.

Qualifications & Experience Required

Education:

Advanced degree (MSc) in Economics or Development Economics or similar relevant discipline.

Experience:

At least five years of professional post degree progressively responsible experience in the field of macro and micro economics, food security analysis, quantitative analysis, humanitarian operations, or a closely related area.

Experience in cash and voucher programming and/or implementation is an advantage.

Competencies:

WFP's core competencies for professionals include action management, communication skills and high standards of ethics and values.

Language:

Working knowledge (proficiency/level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate/level B) of another UN official language, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish, or one of WFP's working languages, Portuguese.

Terms and Conditions

Selected candidates will be employed on a fixed-term contract with a probationary period of one year.

WFP offers an attractive compensation and benefits package, including basic salary, post adjustment, 30 days' annual vacation, home leave, an education grant for dependent children, pension plan and medical insurance. Please visit the following websites for detailed information on working with WFP.

<http://www.wfp.org> Click on: "Where we work" and "Our work" to learn more about WFP's operations.

<http://icsc.un.org> Click on: Quick Links > Salary Scales > by date

<http://www.unstaffmobility.org> Learn more about countries where the UN operates

<http://www.un.org/en/zerohunger/challenge.shtml> Learn more about the UN Zero Hunger Challenge

Application procedures:

Go to: <http://i-recruitment.wfp.org/vacancies/14-0014927>

Step 1: Create your online CV.

Step 2: Click on "Description" to read the position requirements and "Apply" to submit your application.

NOTE: You must complete Step 2 in order for your application to be considered for this vacancy.

Deadline for applications: 5 March 2014

WFP has zero tolerance for discrimination and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status. Qualified female applicants and qualified applicants from developing countries are encouraged to apply.

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