



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Terms of Reference for Consultant

Job Title:	Loaned Expert Animal Health Officer (Progressive Control of FMD and other transboundary animal diseases of ruminants and swine)		
Division/Department:	AGA/AG		
Programme/Project Number:			
Location:	FAO HQ, Rome, Italy		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	2017	Duration:	11 months
Reports to:	Name: <i>K.J.Sumption</i>	Title:	Senior Animal Health Officer

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Justification

The Loaned Expert will work closely with EMPRES Animal Health and the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, to support and extend the existing activities of both groups related to building capacity for foot-and-mouth disease control (FMD), both in emergency response to disease outbreaks, and in progressive control of FMD in countries where the disease is endemic. The Officer will also support synergistic EMPRES-AH activities related to control of other transboundary animal diseases (TADs) if appropriate. The position will also involve working closely with FAO regional offices, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Duties, Responsibilities and Expected Achievements

These activities will include:

- 1) Support to capacity building and preparedness for emergency management of FMD and other transboundary animal diseases in FMD free countries. This will include work with multiple regions, including Europe, and build on existing extensive training programmes. Activities will include:
 - Development, adaptation and delivery of online training courses
 - Development and delivery of face to face workshops, meetings and training courses
 - Assistance in regional co-ordination of animal disease preparedness activities
- 2) Working closely with headquarters and regional FAO offices to support capacity building for progressive control of FMD and transboundary animal disease control in non FMD-free countries. This will include a particular focus on the Asia Pacific region and include:
 - a) Supporting the development and delivery of training courses, particularly online training courses, including:
 - Assessment of regional training needs.
 - Adaptation of existing training materials to regional situations, and development of new material as appropriate

- Exploration of possibilities for collaboration in training development and delivery with regional academic institutions, and development of a sustainable model for regional delivery of training in the medium to long term.
- b) Supporting improved regional epidemiology and laboratory networking, working closely with regional FAO and OIE offices and regional institutions

The LE will be given extensive training on and practical experience of:

- Emergency preparedness, management and control of transboundary animal diseases, particularly foot-and-mouth disease
- Delivery of face to face training and workshops
- Development and delivery of online training courses
- Working in an international environment on animal disease control

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Academic Qualifications: the incumbent shall possess an advanced university degree in animal health/veterinary science..

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements:

The Officer should be a veterinarian with experience of working within a government veterinary service or related employment. Post-graduation would be highly beneficial. A high level of competency in English language is required.