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**FAO Coordination Office for South Sudan**

**Sustainable Food Security Through Community Based Development and Water Harvesting  
Project (SFLDP)**

**Vacancy Announcement No. 006/2012/FSS RFO**

<b>Job Title:</b>	Rural Finance Officer		
<b>Division/Department:</b>	TCE		
<b>Programme/Project Number:</b>	GCP/SUD/068/CAN: Sustainable Food Security Through Community Based Development and Water Harvesting Project		
<b>Location:</b>	Malakal, Upper Nile State, South Sudan		
<b>Start date:</b> 01 October 2012		<b>Duration:</b> 1 year (renewable)	
<b>Reports to:</b>	Ali Said	<b>Title:</b>	Chief Technical Advisor

**General Description of task(s) and objectives to be achieved**

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Head of Office in the South Sudan, and the direct supervision of SFLDP Chief Technical Advisor and with guidance from National Project Coordinator and Project Office/Team Leader for Upper Nile State, the incumbent will be responsible for planning, implementation, monitoring and supervision of the rural finance component of SFLDP in Panyikang, Ulang, and Nasir counties of Upper Nile State. The incumbent will work closely with FAO and UNIDO staff in based in Malakal and the three target counties and partners in the Government, NGOs and private sector.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

In particular the incumbent will:

- Develop plans for implementation of the Rural Finance component of the project including the Village Saving and Loans Association (VSLA) and Small Grants,
- Coordinate with FAO & UNIDO staff and implementing partners on implementation of SFLDP Rural Finance component,
- Undertake regular assessment of the rural finance needs in the target counties and beneficiaries,
- Ensure that women, male and female youth are targeted for rural finance support by the project,
- Facilitate and deliver required training to FAO & UNIDO field staff including Community Facilitators and Field Extension Agents on small grants, saving & credit schemes including business plan development, basic bookkeeping, marketing, etc.
- Ensure that the necessary manuals and guidelines are developed for guiding implementation of saving and credit schemes and small grants,
- Ensure target beneficiaries are sensitized and properly trained to manage saving and credit and small grants,
- Ensure proper utilization of small grants by target beneficiaries,
- Manage the disbursement of small grants to target beneficiaries and keep records,
- Supervise and monitor implementation of the rural finance activities by implementing partners,
- Produce regular report on the implementation status of rural finance activities including savings, credit and small grants,
- Take part in the project annual work plan development, progress reviews and reporting focusing on the rural finance component,

- participate in forums for the exchange of information of relevance to rural finance,
- perform other related duties as required.

**Minimum Requirement**

- University degree in economics, finance, marketing, business or related fields
- At least five years relevant experience in rural development projects including experience in rural/microfinance, income generation schemes,
- Ability to travel to the field and interact with multi-cultural staff,
- Project implementation experience with UN and/or NGO in South Sudan,
- Good oral and written communication and presentation skills in English
- South Sudanese national

**Selection Criteria**

- Knowledge in rural development in general and rural finance, saving & credit, income generation schemes in particular,
- Demonstrated experience in preparation of annual and periodic work plans and budgets,
- Ability to plan, organize, implement, monitor and report on work,
- Demonstrated ability to liaise with government, UN agencies and NGOs and coordinate field activities,
- Good oral and written communication and presentation skills in English

Send your application along with CVs in a sealed envelope to FAO Head Office in Juba and in all the offices in the states before Close of Business at 5.00 pm of **10-Aug-2012**

The post title must be indicated on the envelope. Preferable to emails: [Suzy.Wajo@fao.org](mailto:Suzy.Wajo@fao.org)/  
[Fridah.Amos@fao.org](mailto:Fridah.Amos@fao.org).

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