Summer International Internships: SRI LANKA

Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
North Recovery Programme (NRP)

Location: Sri Lanka
Website: http://www.fao.org/countries/55528/en/lka/

Content Area: Food security (agriculture and livestock), poverty reduction, development, post-conflict reconstruction

Background: The almost 26-year long-running civil conflict came to an end in May 2009. In June 2009, the government of Sri Lanka realized the need to develop the agricultural sector which was the main livelihood activity of the population in the conflict-affected areas. In this humanitarian effort, the FAO responded to rapidly restore agricultural and livestock activities to help rebuild the livelihoods and dignity of the worst-affected poor and food insecure households and supported the returnees in the conflict-affected Northern districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar through the implementing of a North Recovery Programme (NRP) funded by the governments of Australia, Sweden, Norway, and the USA.

Position (1): Field Monitoring Officer. Under overall supervision of the FAO Representative and in close coordination with National Programme Officer, will assist the FAO country team to strengthen the field level monitoring mechanism of the above program.

Expected outputs include:
1. Work closely and coordinate with project and operational staff of FAO and assist them to collect and update information on progress of the projects according to the logical framework and work plan.
2. Assist to prepare monthly and quarterly progress reports for each projects implementing under the North Recovery Programme.
3. Assist to establish mechanism to measure the immediate outcomes of the projects implementing under the North Recovery Programme.
4. Review the existing field monitoring tools and mechanism and provide feedback to improve the system.

Preferred skills: Degree in Social Sciences. Post-grade or specialization related to the specific tasks of the TOR desirable. Good writing and report drafting skills. Initiative and ability to work under pressure.

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Position (2): **GIS Officer.** As there is a need for coordination among many projects and planning for extensive future work, FAO plans to focus more on use geo-database and mapping, where use of GIS will be very valuable in support of the recovery programme.

Expected outputs include:
1. Develop strategies and mechanisms for geospatial data and information flow to keep critical data current within FAO.
2. Provide technical support to the field offices in data coordination and information management with focus on spatial data.
3. Identify GIS applications to support planning and monitoring of various project activities.
4. Prepare reports and briefing notes including divers thematic maps for on-going projects that can be continued by local staffs.

Preferred skills: Degree in Geo-informatics. Post-grade or specialization related to the specific tasks of the TOR desirable. Good writing and report drafting skills. Initiative and ability to work under pressure. Ability to maintain good relationships with the national and international staff or FAO and its counterparts, and other cooperation and national agencies and institutions in the country.

**Dates:**
3 months (dates negotiable)

**Benefits:**
Round-trip airfare to Sri Lanka, work-related in-country travel costs.

**Application:**
Cover letter, résumé, and application due to SIS March 5 for early acceptance. Please indicate the title of the position(s) for which you would like to be considered.