FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Terms of Reference for Intern

Job Title: Nutrition Intern	
Division/Department: Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN)	
Location: FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy	

Expected Start Date of Assignment: 30 May 2016	**Duration:** 6 months
Reports to: Catherine Leclercq	**Title:** Nutrition Officer, ESN

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

Currently, food availability data collected at national or household level are used by countries to develop food and agriculture policies and programmes. It would be more effective if individual food consumption data, taking into account age and gender dimensions, were also considered in the decision process.

FAO and WHO are working together to enrich FAOSTAT with a publicly available multipurpose global database on individual food consumption. The collation and harmonization of existing data, collected through national and sub-national surveys on individual food consumption, will contribute to increase the capacity of all stakeholders to monitor individual food consumption.

The final FAO/WHO GIFT will consist of a global database, containing individual quantitative food consumption data from any country disregarding their level of income, made freely accessible online through an interactive web platform. FAO/WHO GIFT aims to be a multipurpose tool, providing information on specific indicators in the field of nutrition, food safety and environment, in addition to data on food consumption.

In order to ensure that the final product really answers the needs of end-users and achieves its objectives, a participatory approach has been taken at the earliest steps of the FAO/WHO GIFT development. A series of webinars involving key informants in the area of agriculture, nutrition and food safety (government staff, international organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, civil society) active at global and/or country level revealed the urgent need to access good quality individual food consumption data.

As a first a step toward this objective, FAO is undertaking a mapping of existing individual food consumption datasets worldwide.

Under the guidance and supervision of the Nutrition Officer and the overall guidance of the Senior Nutrition Officer and Group Leader of the Nutrition Assessment and Scientific Advice Group (ESNNA), Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN) of FAO, Rome, the intern will undertake the following tasks:

1. Perform a review of the literature and an inventory of institutions specialized in nutrition/dietary assessment in order to identified existing individual food consumption datasets worldwide;
2. Support the preparation of a list of the key persons to be contacted in relation to the identified datasets;
3. Support the request for completion of a questionnaire aimed at acquiring general information related to the survey;
4. Support the final steps in the development of the "Existing data" section in the FAO/WHO GIFT web-dissemination platform;
5. Support the insertion of the information obtained in FAO/WHO GIFT.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs	Required Completion Date
1. Review of the literature and inventory of institutions specialized in nutrition/dietary assessment	June 2016
2. List of the key persons to be contacted	July 2016
3. Information request sent to the key persons identified	August 2016
4. FAO/WHO GIFT database filled with retrieved information	November 2016

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Academic qualifications

The candidate is currently completing or has recently completed a University degree in nutrition or equivalent.

Language

— Excellent knowledge of English (essential). Good knowledge of Spanish, French or other official UN languages (desirable).

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

— Good communication skills: write clearly and concisely (essential)

— Strong organization skills (essential)

— Excellent IT skills (essential)

— Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment (essential)

— Knowledge of methods used for dietary assessment and food consumption data analysis (desirable)

— Experience in low income country (desirable)