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**Terms of Reference
Research Consultant
EU Food and Nutrition Security Policies and Practices**

Alliance2015 is a strategic partnership of seven leading European INGOs initially constituted to increase contribution to the Millennium Development Goals, and now to the Sustainable Development Goals. Alliance2015 members cooperate in emergency preparedness and response, development programming, knowledge sharing and advocacy. Alliance2015 members work in 89 countries around the world with a combined total annual income of nearly €900 million, making Alliance2015 one of the largest European networks of development and humanitarian NGOs.

Job title:	Alliance2015 Research Consultant
Reports to:	Alliance2015 Senior Programme Officer
Direct reports:	None
Job location:	Brussels office of Alliance2015 (preferably) and/or homeworking
Contract type:	Approx. 40 days consultancy between October-December 2017
Background:	This is a temporary function to provide research support to two of Alliance2015 Key working groups (Advocacy Group and Food and Nutrition Security Group)
Job purpose:	The objective is to support two specific pieces of research and to support and contribute to the drafting of two position/technical papers.
Main duties & Responsibilities	<p>Contextual analysis – EU Action Plan on Nutrition (50%)</p> <p>This aspect of the work will be undertaken in close cooperation with the members of the Advocacy Group and entails producing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive, clear and succinct contextual analysis on EC and EU members' commitments and actual support to achieving the EU Action Plan on Nutrition. This will also entail an analysis of the different position of potential allies to the plan but also of the obstacles for its full implementation. • The documentation of actual trends in commitments, gaps between objectives and commitments and, coherence between commitments and country level action plans. • The documentation, in a user-friendly format, of the key features of country action plans and trends & gaps for achieving the overall nutrition objectives. • Identification of the various global events and initiatives that could constitute a potential opportunity for Alliance2015 to promote their messages and position its work over the next 1-3 years. <p>Private sector interventions and the impact on Food and Nutrition Security (F&NS) of the poor (50%)</p> <p>This aspect of the assignment will be undertaken in close cooperation with the members of the Food and Nutrition Security Group and entails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producing a comprehensive literature review of private and public actors' main approaches and lessons learnt from their Private Sector engagement and cooperation to address Food and Nutrition Security of the poor. • Writing case studies to illustrate different approaches (engagement with private sector for food and nutrition security) and results;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and editing the A2015 FNS technical paper based on the literature review • Using the FNS paper and different A2015 members' approaches, draw together commonalities and draft initial A2015 position statements.
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Person specifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently/recently engaged in research and/or policy analysis (Masters' level or above) in policy and practice relating to Food and Nutrition Security in the context of development; at least 3 years' relevant experience. • Strong understanding of relevant EU/EC development mechanisms (regarding financing and follow-up of action plans) and policies about food and nutrition security. • Educated to minimum masters' degree level in relevant social science discipline, e.g. international relations, development studies. • Very good understanding of pro-poor development interventions with a focus on markets and/or private sector (including value chain approaches, M4P etc). • Firm understanding and experience of policy advocacy approaches and methodologies • Excellent oral and written communication skills and ability to collaborate effectively with people from different cultural and technical background and working in many different locations. • Experience of working with NGOs (experience of work with partnership organisations an asset) • Fluent in oral and written English
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Please send expressions of interest and (reasonable) cost proposal to info@alliance2015 "ref. Consultancy F&NS" by 1st October (24:00 CEST)