The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) delivers research-based solutions that harness agricultural biodiversity and sustainably transform food systems to improve people’s lives. Alliance solutions address the global crises of malnutrition, climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation. With novel partnerships, the Alliance generates evidence and mainstreams innovations to transform food systems and landscapes so that they sustain the planet, drive prosperity, and nourish people.

The Alliance is part of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food-secure future.

HarvestPlus (www.harvestplus.org) improves nutrition and public health by developing and promoting biofortified food crops that are rich in vitamins and minerals, and providing global leadership on biofortification evidence and technology. HarvestPlus is part of the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH). CGIAR is a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Its science is carried out by its 15 research centers in collaboration with hundreds of partner organizations.

**Position summary:**
The Alliance on behalf of HarvestPlus, is seeking to recruit a highly-motivated Project Associate who will be part of a team working to enhance commercialization of biofortified crops under the CBC (Commercialization of Biofortified Crops) project. The CBC project seeks to build long term sustainability in the biofortification value chains. The project is partnership between HarvestPlus and GAIN.

**Main duties and responsibilities include:**
- Assist in coordinating partner organizations and county government agronomists on crop husbandry including post-harvest handling of biofortified crops (High Iron Beans)
- Facilitate use, and support scaling up of innovative, varied and affordable market and dissemination options (e.g. viable seed packs, mobile seed shops, voucher system etc.), to reach smallholder farmers, particularly women
- As a field contact person, build and sustain strong partnerships of various value chain actors and institutional linkages to deliver on project’s expected results and targets
- Support in organizing and implementing training of farmers and farmer groups and other stakeholders in biofortified crop production, aggregation and marketing
- Assist in coordinating data collection at various stages of the value chain (seed production, seed sale, planting, harvesting and marketing) to support evidence-based learning and documentation of case studies
- Maintain up-to-date data system of monitoring data that capture a value chain approach to biofortified crops commercialization
- Support Project Coordinator in organizing various partner and field engagement and meetings
- Represent the project in relevant activities and forums
- Participate in preparation of periodic reports

**The candidate shall have the following competencies, skills and experience:**
- Bachelor’s degree in relevant field of Agriculture
- Demonstrated experience in similar roles
• Excellent interpersonal skills with advanced written and verbal communication skills in English, Swahili and local languages
• Strong project management skills, including effective communication and decision-making abilities
• Strong ability to co-ordinate, prioritize and organize workload; take initiative and work under pressure
• Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team as is the case for a value chain approach
• Demonstrated experience in interacting with stakeholders at various levels
• Ability to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties

Terms of employment:
This is a nationally recruited position based at the Regional Office in Nairobi, Kenya. The contract will be for a one-year period, subject to a probation period of three (3) months, renewable depending on performance and availability of resources. The Alliance offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits; we believe that the diversity of our staff contributes to excellence. The Alliance is an equal opportunity employer, and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality.

How to apply:
Applicants are invited to visit http://ciat.cgiar.org/ciat-jobs to get full details of the position and to submit their applications. Applications should include reference number HV-2706-Project Associate as the position applied for. Applications should be saved as one document using the candidate’s lastname, firstname for ease of sorting.

The Alliance does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing or training). The Alliance also does not concern itself with information on applicants' bank accounts.

Applications closing date: 18th September 2020

Please note that email applications will not be considered.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.