NUTRITION OFFICER – KASAI

The Organization

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 in a climate crisis.

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

Position Summary

The Alliance, on behalf of HarvestPlus is seeking Nutrition officer for a World Bank Multisectoral Child Nutrition and Health Project (PMNS) project in DRC. HarvestPlus will be providing technical assistance services to the government of DRC. These technical assistance services are focused on integrating biofortified crops – nutritionally enriched varieties of cassava, orange sweet potatoes, and maize (all Vitamin A) and high iron beans into government led agricultural programs. Technical assistance spans the whole value chain.

The Nutrition Officer will be responsible for supporting engagement with the Government of DRC on the implementation and establishment of activities related to the Nutrition component of the technical assistance services. This will include supporting the nutrition specialist in strategy development with respect to biofortified crops, including training and capacity development for community nutrition promoters, development and promotion of public health messages with PROANUT, development of social delivery models for cassava and orange sweet potato, recipe development for consumers, nutritional content promotion with food processors and other nutrition functions as needed. These activities are geared to educate and sensitize the population to production, promotion and consumption of Biofortified crops in the 3 implementation provinces. This will lead to an effective introduction and acceptance by consumers/customers of bio-fortified crops throughout the project areas and district, as well as incentivizing demand for these crops from farmers.

The Nutrition officer is responsible for implementing nutrition and prevention of malnutrition through the information kiosk, partner NGOs, and communities. Developing appropriate communications in preventing malnutrition among under five years children and promote nutritional status and foster behaviour change in the target population. He/she shall liaise with local institutions, NGOs, and government departments in providing nutrition supplement to children less than five years, pregnant and lactating mothers.
Duties and Responsibilities

- Support and follow up on engagement with Ministry of Health on development of strategies to integrate biofortified crops into Ministry activities.
- Ensure that project related nutrition interventions are responsive to target communities and partners and aligned with HarvestPlus core values, strategic plan and guiding principles.
- Help develop and maintain with Ministry counterparts nutrition awareness and education strategies focused on the consumption of biofortified crops among the population.
- In collaboration with Ministry partners help organize training workshops and provide training and advice based on scope of the activity.
- Support the nutrition specialist in the development and implementation of all technical nutrition training and guidance; help develop and adapt existing training materials in local language context for use in field.
- Ensure that all reports related to the nutrition implementation are provided to the nutrition specialist in a timely, and responsive manner.
- Ensure that monitoring of project indicators related to nutrition output is timely and of excellent quality to support reporting.
- Promote the project with stakeholders and the public in DRC through sound and innovative communications working with the communications assistant.
- Support partners and community units with technical assistance to implement a sustainable, Social and Behavior Change (SBC) campaign using key principles of MIYCN aimed at key decision makers, health care workers, community health volunteers and community social groups.
- Contribute to project quality through implementation of project requirements and use of program M&E systems.
- Mainstreaming gender into nutrition related project interventions, through support and promotion and involvement of other community stakeholders throughout all areas of the project related to nutrition.

Personal Attributes

- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, self-motivated with ability to work well within a multi-disciplinary team.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor’s degree in nutrition or relevant biological or social science degree. Specific training related to community based nutrition activities is required.
- At least 3 years’ experience preferably in a UN, donor or multilateral agency nutritional programs.
- Experience in social and behavior change communication.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate, understand and motivate partner staff for effective implementation of field activities.
- Demonstrated awareness and responsiveness to local context, gender and social issues in integrated programs.
- Strong experience with communication of technologies and development tools to local context.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Software, nutritional modelling.
- Willingness to travel frequently and work under field conditions.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Strong ability to co-ordinate, prioritize and organize workload; take initiative and work under pressure.
- Fluent in French (written and spoken), local languages, and English.
- Excellent written and verbal communications.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.

Terms of employment

This is a nationally recruited position based in Kasai Region. The contract will be for a One (1) year period, subject to a probation period of three (3) months and is 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.
Applications

Applicants are invited to visit http://ciat.cgiar.org/ciat-jobs to get full details of the position and to submit their applications. Applications **MUST** include reference number- 102208 -Nutrition Officer - Kasai as the position applied. Applications should be saved as one document using the candidate’s lastname, firstname for ease of sorting.

**Closing date for applications: 9th November, 2021**

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http://alliancebioversityciat.org