

HARVESTPLUS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

#FO20-038

LOCALLY RECRUITED POSITION

TITLE:	PROGRAM MANAGER I
LOCATION:	HYDERABAD, INDIA
REPORTS TO:	PROJECT MANAGER II, COMMERCIALIZATION OF BIOFORTIFIED CROPS
GRADE:	19PM
POSTING DATE:	NOVEMBER 25, 2020
CLOSING DATE:	UNTIL FILLED

JOB SUMMARY

HarvestPlus is seeking a **Program Manager I, Commercialization of Biofortified Crops** to support joint the team. The Project Associate will support a partnership between HarvestPlus and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), aimed at scaling up the consumption of biofortified crops in India. The Project Associate will support the HarvestPlus-GAIN partnership activities to assess the status of biofortified crops in India and the development of a strategy for achieving scale. **Interested applicants must have work authorization to work in India.**

BACKGROUND

HarvestPlus 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. HarvestPlus is based at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and collaborates with multiple CGIAR centers and partner organizations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

The Program Manager I will report to the Project Manager, CBC and will be working in close collaboration with the Partnership Coordinator and HarvestPlus team on activities including but not limited to:

- Contribute to regular reporting of the program progress including monthly, quarterly and annual reports in alignment with partnership teams, donor and government requirements
- Closely follow up with project partners responsible for implementing and provide technical assistance and ensure timely execution of project activities
- Support Finance teams in India and at HarvestPlus headquarters on tracking budget utilization and proper financial reporting
- Assist in the coordination, facilitation and documentation of project governance team activities and meetings
- Build and sustain strong partnerships with private and government actors
- Support the team in engaging key stakeholders to develop, revise and harmonize appropriate policies, directives, standards and guidelines relevant to CBC project activities specific to respective states

- Support creation of training modules for sensitization and orientation of industry partners on staple food biofortification. Organize training workshops in implementing states.
- Regularly represent the project in relevant field activities and other forums
- With support from the HarvestPlus team, facilitate the development of appropriate communication materials, technical documents, advocacy briefs and related materials to drive key project activities.
- Set up a monitoring framework and develop associated templates as part of contribution to routine project monitoring.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Masters's degree in agriculture, health, nutrition, food science or a related field, plus 3 years of total relevant professional experience
- Strong understanding of agri- food value chain, agriculture commodities
- Strong project management skills, including effective communication and decision-making abilities
- Demonstrated experience engaging government and private sector stakeholders and collaborators
- Strong understanding of state level program delivery, documentation and coordination
- Fluent oral and written English and Hindi language skills
- Ability to work independently, be self-motivated, show initiative, and work productively as part of a team
- Excellent organizational skills and systematic thinking that demonstrates good judgment, expert problem solving, and creativity
- Computer literate in MS Office
- A willingness and ability to travel extensively
- Eligibility to live and work in India (this is a local position)

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in agribusiness, food technology or related field
- Experience in working with farmer groups, agri-commodities sourcing or food business
- Diploma or equivalent certification in project management
- Experience working in a global, multicultural organization
- Experience working within the private sector or working closely with private sector actors
- Experience working in a public/private partnership environment

APPOINTMENT

This position is a **one-year** appointment and is renewable contingent upon continued satisfactory performance and program funding.

TO APPLY

Click on the following link to access the **Program Manager I** job application:

<https://phf.tbe.taleo.net/phf04/ats/careers/v2/viewRequisition?org=IFPRI&cws=43&rid=2245>. Please complete the online application and provide a complete resume, detailed letter of interest, and three references. For more information about HarvestPlus and/or IFPRI, please visit our websites at www.HarvestPlus.org and www.ifpri.org.