



RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (NUTRITION)

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.

About the position

The Alliance, on behalf of HarvestPlus (www.harvestplus.org), is seeking to recruit a Research Associate (Nutrition) for an anticipated World Bank Multisectoral Child Nutrition and Health Project (PMNS) in DR Congo. The recruitment of this position is contingent on the award of the project.

HarvestPlus will be providing technical assistance services to the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), funded by the government using the proceeds of a loan from the World Bank to the Ministry of Health. This work will range from building capacity and integrating biofortification into government agricultural breeding programs, through development of quality seed markets and dissemination to farmers, through creating demand for biofortified crops through food processors and markets, through developing materials on the nutritional benefits of biofortified crops and training community nutrition promoters.

The Research Associate (Nutrition) will be responsible for the implementation and establishment of activities related to the Nutrition component of the PMNS project aimed at educating and sensitizing the population to production, promotion and consumption of Biofortified crops (beans rich in iron and zinc, maize, cassava and sweet potato rich in vitamin A) in the implementation districts. This will lead to an effective introduction and acceptance by consumers/customers of bio-fortified crops throughout the project areas and district.

Responsibilities

- Implement nutrition awareness and education strategies focused on the consumption of biofortified crops among the population in the area of operation.
- Disseminate nutrition promotional or awareness manuals for biofortified crops in the project area.
- Direct and supervise the production and dissemination of food recipes based on biofortified crops while acknowledging the cultures of the area of operation. This will be done together with partners such as PRONANUT.
- Prepare research, study, survey and project reports.



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- Any other duties falling within the scope of nutrition within the project area.

Requirements

- Bachelors' degree in Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food Science.
- At least three (5) years' experience working in an NGO or International or National Organization focused on nutritional programs
- Experience in data collection with the skills of doing the field study
- Experience on capacity building activities in nutrition and food security
- Extensive experience in conducting nutritional surveys (using a variety of methods) and awareness campaigns or nutrition education
- Computer skills with a minimum of an Analytical Software such as: SPSS, Genstat, Statistica, SAS or other Analysis Software.
- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Strong interpersonal skills, fluent in French, and local languages, with strong writing skills
- Willingness to travel extensively.

Terms of employment

This is a nationally recruited position based in Kinshasa, DR Congo. The contract will be for a two (2) 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 **HV-DRC-2021-05-NUTRITIONIST** as the position applied. Applications should be saved as one document using the candidate's lastname, firstname for ease of sorting.

Notes:

1. *Hiring for this position is contingent upon successful bidding and signing an agreement with the donor.*
2. *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.*

Closing date for applications: 2nd April, 2021

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