

HARVESTPLUS CONSULTANCY

TITLE:	Demand creation and monitoring and evaluation
LOCATION:	Pakistan
REPORTS TO:	Regional Director Asia (CIAT) / Senior Advisor, Public Private Partnerships (IFPRI) / Head, Monitoring and Evaluation (IFPRI)
POSTING DATE:	March 5 th
CLOSING DATE:	Until filled

Who we need?

HarvestPlus seeks the services of a local expert with experience of coordinating monitoring, evaluation, learning and communication work in agriculture and nutrition programs that aim to develop commercial value chains to scale up and commercialize successful research and development innovations. We are looking for an expert who has the expertise in taking the vision from a global program and applying it at a local level. This fixed term, 6 month contract (with a possibility of extension, subject to availability of funding and performance) is required to help us to initiate a new project in which HarvestPlus is partnering with GAIN, in Pakistan. The successful candidate will work as an expert consultant who work under the guidance of the global M&E and demand creation program leads to apply the strategic global direction at a local level, also advising what type of staff would be required in this program going forward. The project is intended to build new commercial wheat supply chains that involve the entire agri-food industry from seed to the consumers hands.

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.

In 2018, HarvestPlus and The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) entered into a partnership to accelerate the commercialisation program of HarvestPlus in specific markets, The programme is named The Commercialisation of Biofortified Crops (CBC). Together with GAIN we have a shared ambition to expand coverage of biofortified, nutrient dense foods to at least 200 million consumers initiating activities in six targeted countries where malnutrition is most pervasive. The focus will be on biofortified varieties of six highly promising crops, developed by HarvestPlus and its partners. The partnership will focus on expanding reach and coverage of biofortified nutrient-enriched crops to consumers via market channels, with a heavy emphasis on commercialization of both seed, and crops as ingredients into the food system.

We are recruiting a new position as part of the CBC to work specifically on Zinc Rice. We are looking for someone with a good knowledge of monitoring and communicating results for programs designed to develop new, nutritious food supply chains. We are looking for a team player who can work internally and externally with many different public sector departments and businesses types.

Required Services - Duties and Responsibilities

- Review the current project plan and assess activities and how they are aligned with the project end points.
- Lead in the design and implementation of the M&E country strategy in close collaboration with the global head of M&E
- Complete the country specific monitoring framework aligning it to the HarvestPlus global CBC M&E framework and list of indicators
- Identify program specific indicators for program monitoring and develop monitoring tools to track program implementation and for sharing results and lessons learnt
- Coordinate the collection, lead the collating and reporting of implementation progress data on monthly, quarterly, and annual basis for fixed program indicators
- Manage data entry into the M&E database and the drafting of periodic progress reports for submission to the country manager and head of M&E for review
- Lead the identification, development and sharing of lessons learnt, ensuring that they are consciously incorporated into decision making, strategy refinement and overall planning
- Lead the planning and implementation of outcome assessments in close collaboration with the HarvestPlus global MEL team
- Prepare and present progress results to stakeholders on a quarterly and annual basis
- Advise on specific monitoring and evaluation studies that might be required locally
- Co-create a the creation of a database of contacts in the value chain including SMEs and entrepreneurs
- Communicate product information to different stakeholders as required
- Collect necessary market information and explore market segments for zinc wheat.
- Assist team in reporting, budget management and team building with GAIN
- Communicate effectively with different departments within HarvestPlus, GAIN and all external stakeholders.
- Advise on the staff and positions required to make the Pakistan program effective

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Food systems, food technology, food supply chains or related field, M&E related qualifications (statistics, economics) or proven experience
- 5 years of relevant professional experience in monitoring, evaluation, learning and communication
- Track record in previous roles or previous consultancy positions or agency positions in value chain development in agriculture and nutrition programs
- Excellent oral and written English and Urdu language skills.
- Experience working with supply chain actors including farming, seed systems, milling, food processing or food marketing.
- Excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills and strong decision-making skills.
- Computer literate in MS Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and experience in report writing.
- Experience and ability to work with different cultures and countries.
- Willingness to travel extensively in the field and (covid permitting) to other countries to build and report on the project

TO APPLY

Click on the following link to access the CONSULTANT MONITORING AND COMMUNICATION job application: **[INSERT JOB APPLICATION LINK HERE]**. 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.