

Agronomist

JOB TITLE: Agronomist

Department: FSL

Location: Maban County (Eastern Nile State)

Date of Advert: 28/12/2017

Date: 17/01/2018

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Reporting to: FSL TEAM

HIERARCHICAL LINKS

Under the supervision of:

FSL PROGRAM MANAGER

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FUNCTIONAL LINKS

Internal:

- Area Coordinator
- FSL TEAM
- Field Extension Worker

External Relations:

- County Office of RRC
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Animal Resources

Background on ACTED

ACTED (the Agency for Technical Co-operation and Development) is an INGO registered in France with global operations in Central and South Asia, Europe, Latin America and Africa. ACTED has over 15 years of expertise and experience in addressing the needs of conflict and disaster affected populations, in emergency and development settings. ACTED's operations in Republic of South Sudan are centred on an integrated community development strategy supporting vulnerable communities.

Job Duties and Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision Program Manager and working alongside with the livestock and vocational training teams, key responsibilities of the agronomist will include (but are not limited to):

- To work closely with FSL team with building the capacity of farmer groups and pastoralist communities through brain storming and introduction of new techniques to increase productivity
- To help with the supervision and running of the farmer field schools, Agro Pastoral field schools, demonstration gardens and tree nurseries
- To impart trainings to the local community in income generating activities and agriculture;
- Produce detailed agricultural training materials;
- To help with the establishment of cooperatives;
- To support and promote activities that link agriculture such as vocational skills sets, tree nursery, private sector works and value chain networks



 Providing technical support to the FSL Team in the field to maximize the impact of the trainings (based on ToT methodology);

- Ensure effective organization of cooperatives, trainings and meetings;
- Support distribution to project beneficiaries;
- Support the development of appropriate visibility material for the project;
- Support assessments, monitoring and evaluation activities as required by the project;
- Take an active role in communities' mobilisation when requested;
- Provide clear and complete information and technical advices to the FSL team on agricultural related activities;
- Performs other duties under project as requested by Program Manager and FSL team;
- Motivating, mobilizing and involving Agricultural Committees in on-going projects;
- Training farmers on the correct methods on the various stages of cultivation and maintaining an agricultural technique demonstration farm;
- Supervising the activities in demonstration plots and tree nursery;
- Carrying out assessments of agro pest management practices and post-harvest management of villages or any food security issues when required;
- Participate in community sensitization of any community related activities related to food security and livelihoods
- Undertake needs assessments as and when requested by the FSL Program Manager.
- Working closely with the FSL team to plan the day to day activities to ensure that program goals are achieved and submit weekly reports;
- Plan and participate in the distribution of seeds/ tools/ agricultural input and also assist in NFI / Food distributions if required;
- Follow the ACTED standard in everyday conduct;
- Performs other duties under project as requested by Project Manager;
- Developing training plans and monitoring their implementation by field extension workers;
- Assist the PM and FSL team in developing BoQs / budget about any training and/ or workshop and constructions concerned with livelihoods (granaries / tree nurseries/ demonstration plots);

Person Specification

- A university degree/ diploma in Agricultural studies, Livestock development, Rural Development or related field in development studies
- At least 3 years of experience in implementing Agronomy programs Experience with capacity building and training of farmers / community members/ field workers.
- Basic awareness of logistics / financial procedures.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, with strong interpersonal and communication skills is required.
- Strong problem solving, analytical, reporting and communication skills
- A demonstrated ability to multi-task, prioritize and process information into action.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook.
- Fluency in English (Oral and Written). Knowledge of Mabanese and Arabic language is an asset.



Submission of applications:

Applications should be submitted in English together with a resume/CV, a cover letter, three referees and photocopies of the supporting documents.

Applications should be addressed to the Human Resources and submitted to ACTED Head Office, Hai-Cinema, Plot 64 AXII, and Juba not later than 17th January 2018. Or

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<u>NB:</u> Open to **South Sudanese Nationals** with National Identity only (Passport or Ginsia) & Women are encouraged to apply.

