

Advertisement For Project Officer-Agribusiness, Based In Rumbek

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) South Sudan is an International Non-Governmental Organization involved in humanitarian, relief and long-term development cooperation in South Sudan. NPA has worked in South Sudan since 1986 and currently runs three programmes: Civil Society Development, Rural Development, and Emergency Response.

The NPA Rural Development Program has just received a three year grant from the European Commission, ZEAD- BEAD to implement a Project **'Expansion of Rural Agricultural Inputs Supply and Extension Services (E-RAISE)** in 6 Counties of Greater Lakes: Cueibet, Rumbek Central, Rumbek East, Wulu, Yirol West and Yirol East Counties.

NPA wishes to recruit a highly competent, proactive and self-driven individual **(South Sudanese National Only)**, for the positions of **Project Officer Agribusiness** based in Rumbek. The contract for this position is Definite Contract with possibility of extension based on performance.

Purpose of the Position:

Responsible for technical guidance of agribusiness groups/enterprises; provide oversight and guidance during business development and related trainings.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the formulation of technical agricultural extension plans based upon its related Providing strategic support in a wide variety of areas, including value chain development and upgrading strategies, improving access to agricultural inputs, agricultural extension, marketing, and peri-urban garden plot development;
- Oversee the efforts of agricultural programs in the counties implementing E-RAISE project particularly focusing on value chain up-grading;
- Facilitate market driven linkages between agribusiness producers, wholesalers, processors, and markets within counties of Yirol west, Cueibet, Wulu, Yirol East, Yirol West and Rumbek east;
- Meet and liaise with relevant Ministry of Agriculture and fisheries staff, County Agriculture Coordinators, NPA consultants, the private sector, and other donors working in agriculture to ensure synergies are created and resources are leveraged;
- Attend relevant meetings, technical working groups, conferences, etc. to share knowledge, coordinate programs, and promote E- RAISE project's work;
- Conduct regular field visits to E- RAISE project sites located in the six targeted counties, to provide hands-on technical assistance and monitoring of project activities and implementation;
- Provide capacity building support and mentoring to agribusiness Component staff, including fieldbased staff in the six counties offices and other field locations as required;

- Identify State Technical Committees need (both Government at state and county local) and help to identity candidates when possible;
- Provide overall strategy, vision, and inputs for the Component section of the annual work plan
- Contribute to M&E activities, including data collection and reporting in coordination with the E-RAISE M&E team
 - Support the Team Leader in the management of administrative staff at the project location

Desired Qualifications/Skills/Experience:

- A degree or diploma in Agriculture economic/Agribusiness Management with a focus on Agribusiness.
- Minimum of 3 years of field experience in implementing of agricultural/food security projects with reputable NGOs or government or private sector in a pastoral context
- Ability to plan ahead and yet accommodate unexpected tasks.
- Excellent communications, networking and liaison skills.
- Flexible and able to adapt to the logistical constraints
- Strong analytical skills combined with good judgment.
- Strong computer skills (Word, Excel, Power point and etc.).
- Good communication both oral & written, speaks clearly, writes effectively and persuasively in positive or negative situations; listens to others to effectively and efficiently share information and ideas; and demonstrates an ability to build relationships within and outside the organization based on trust and professionalism.
- Ability to independently solve complex and challenging problems. The ability to handle multiple tasks and assignments; prioritizes more important tasks while maintaining a good handle on others, reports in a timely manner any barriers to task completion.
- A team player with good organizational skills. Works cooperatively with others in the organization to achieve the organization's mission, values, and goals.
- Ability to exercise conscience and non-tolerance to corruption and discrimination.
- The person appointed to this position is to abide by the policies and personal code of conduct set by the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and represents the organisation in a loyal and responsible manner.

NPA South Sudan is an equal opportunity employer. In making employment decisions it does not discriminate on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation. Qualified Women are highly encouraged to apply.

Application and CV/resume with active contacts and three professional referees and copies of academic transcripts should be submitted to: <u>recruitment-rss@npaid.org</u>

Hard copy application and CV/Resume can also be delivered to the NPA South Sudan Head Office, Martyrs Street (opposite UNICEF) Juba, or to NPA Rumbek Office **Applications submitted after 12:00 noon on Friday 22nd February 2019, will not be considered.**

NB: Submitted copies of academic transcripts will NOT be returned to the applicant.