Programme Officer Food Security

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Juba represents the interests of the Netherlands in South Sudan and avails of a staff of 16 expatriate and local officers. One of the responsibilities is to manage the bilateral aid program with a budget of around 22 million euro per year. The Embassy aims with this program to help reducing fragility and conflict. Activities focus on three spearheads: Security and Rule of Law, Food Security and Water. Conflict sensitivity, gender and climate are important cross–cutting issues.

We are looking for a new colleague for the vacancy of Programme Officer Food Security (POFS), who will contribute to the development and management of the bilateral Food Security portfolio of the Embassy. Promoting agribusiness and the role of the private sector in food security plays an important role in the spearhead.

The candidate we are looking for is a team player, but also able to take up his/her duties independently. A pro-active attitude is essential. He/she is knowledgeable in the sector in South Sudan. He/she is able to support and guide the implementation of the program activities as well as translate lessons learned into policies and strategies. The candidate should be able to perform under pressure and time stress at different levels with a multitude of contacts. The candidate has a relevant network and ability to develop this over time and is able to represent the embassy at various levels.

Responsibilities: The POFS will, in close cooperation with, and under supervision of the Deputy Head of Cooperation:

* Analyse developments in the sector and translate this into policy advice;
* Operationalise the Dutch development cooperation policy in this policy area in South Sudan, with a focus on sector-specific results (especially outcomes and impacts) and the effects on fragility and conflict;
* Monitor the implementation of the Dutch funded (program) activities in this sector in South Sudan, from ‘behind the desk’ as well as through field visits. This includes amongst other things assessing proposals on feasibility taking into consideration the annual budget of the Embassy as well as the organisation requesting funds; ensuring timely receipt of plans and progress reports (including financial and audits) of current program activities (technically and institutionally), timely assessment of these plans and reports together with the policy officer and the controlling division, drafting responses based on the conclusion drawn upon after the assessment and informing the implementing agencies thereof; assessing payment requests submitted by the agencies. Timely archiving of documents (digitally);
* Integrate and monitor cross cutting issues (conflict sensitivity, gender, climate) into the portfolio;
* Represent the embassy in relevant meetings in the sector.

Requirements:

* Education at BSc or MSc level in the areas of agriculture, business development or social sciences (sociology, anthropology, economics);
* Demonstrated analytical and strategic skills;
* Experience in management for results, including monitoring and evaluation;
* At least three years experience in the area of agriculture, agribusiness, rural development and/or nutrition. Working experience in development projects and/or in private sector development is appreciated;
* Ability to write clear (assessment) reports and papers;
* Fluency in English; knowledge of (Juba-) Arabic and local languages is appreciated.

What we offer:

* Local contract of two years, on a renewable basis (first two months on probation);
* Competitive renumeration package.

Women are in particular encouraged to apply.

Interested candidates who meet the above requirements can send their application not later than Friday August 4 to jba-az@minbuza.nl. Applications should consist of a CV (not more than 3 pages, including passport picture) and a short motivation (not longer than 0,5 page).