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JOB DETAILS.

Job Title	Agribusiness Development Assistant
Number of Positions	03
Department	Pprograms
Duty Station	Magwi, Ikotos, Torit Counties, Eastern Equatorial State- South Sudan.
Reports to (Function)	Agribusiness Development Officer
Expected Start Date	1 st June 2025
Type of Contract	Fixed Term, Project Based
Duration	Three (3) months with possibility of extension to December 2025 based on the performance and availabilities of funds

About AVSI Foundation

AVSI Foundation is an international NGO headquartered in Italy, working in over 30 countries with the mission of promoting human dignity and development. In South Sudan, AVSI has been active since 2005, implementing sustainable programs in health, education, food security, water and sanitation, and emergency relief.

Project Overview

The **RURALSS Project**, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is a 5-year initiative aimed at improving the resilience and economic well-being of smallholder farmers and agribusinesses in Lakes and Eastern Equatoria States. The project focuses on upgrading agricultural value chains, strengthening local food systems, and empowering women and youth in agribusiness.

Position Summary

The **Assistant Agribusiness Officer** will support the implementation of agribusiness components of the RURALSS project. The role involves working closely with smallholder farmers, youth, women groups, and local agribusinesses to promote value chain development and upgrade, enhance market linkages, and improve resilience of Agribusiness and farmers' livelihoods through capacity building and mentorship. The Assistant Officer will contribute to field-level coordination, training, data collection, and assist the Agribusiness Officer in the implementation of the Specific objective 3 of the project

Key Responsibilities

1. Farmer Engagement and Support

- Support the validation and strengthening of Agribusinesses, producer associations and farmer groups in value chain development and upgrade



- Facilitate smallholder farmers' access to agribusiness opportunities, input and output markets, market actors, and financial services.
- Assist in mentoring SHFs and agripreneurs on savings practices, entrepreneurship, and commercial linkages.

2. Capacity Building

- Organize and co-facilitate trainings and sensitization sessions on value addition, governance, financial literacy, and leadership.
- Conduct outreach activities and field visits to ensure skills transfer on agribusiness and market practices.
- Provide guidance to farmers on quality management and innovative business practices.
- Guide and develop the skills of Agribusinesses (Aggregators, Input dealers, off takers) in record keeping, financial management and business skills.

3. Market Linkages & Value Chain Development

- Assist in identifying and linking value chain actors (e.g., buyers, traders, input dealers) with SHFs.
- Help organize round table meetings and community-level multi-stakeholder platforms together with the Agribusiness Officer.
- Support documentation and dissemination of local market information to farming communities.

4. Monitoring and Reporting

- Participate in regular monitoring of project activities and provide timely field-level updates.
- Collect, organize, and submit agribusiness-related data for reporting and evaluation purposes.
- Assist in tracking key indicators related to access to finance, markets, and services.

5. Coordination and Collaboration

- Work closely with local authorities, project officers, and community stakeholders to ensure integrated implementation.
- Collaborate with Agribusiness Officers and Area Team Leaders across project locations for experience sharing.
- Represent the project in community meetings and relevant local events when delegated.

6. Other Duties

- Perform any other tasks assigned by the supervisor to support the delivery of agribusiness objectives.
- Serve as a point of contact for specific agribusiness groups/clusters in the assigned area.

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Agriculture, Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Rural Development, or related fields.
- Minimum of 1–2 years' field experience in agribusiness, rural livelihoods, or related development work.
- Knowledge of agricultural value chains and market systems in South Sudan.



- Experience working with youth, women, and farmer groups in rural/agricultural settings.
- Familiarity with Savings and Loan Associations (SLAs) and financial literacy is an added advantage.

Core Competencies

- Good interpersonal and communication skills, with a participatory and inclusive approach.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work under minimal supervision and manage multiple priorities.
- Team-oriented, with a proactive and flexible attitude.
- Knowledge of local languages in Lakes or Eastern Equatoria State is an asset.
- Proficiency in basic computer applications (MS Word, Excel, etc.).

Application Process

Applications should include updated **Curriculum Vitae** (CV) of maximum 3 pages, **National ID** and **cover letter** of maximum one page **ONLY**, copies of academic documents, recommendations.

In the cover letter the candidate should briefly describe his or her motivation for the position and **highlight relevant experience**.

The above documents can be delivered to AVSI Foundation Office in the State:

- AVSI Office in Rumbek, and Bargel
- AVSI Office in Juba – Jerusalem House
- AVSI Field Offices, Torit, and Magwi
- Or send in soft copy to Felicity.Acan@avsi.org cc abdu.james@avsi.org cc Aziz.musema@avsi.org

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS **Thursday 29th May 2025**

Due to the urgency of these roles, AVSI reserves the right to shortlist applications prior to the closing date.

