Vacancy Announcement

SENIOR FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD OFFICER (RELOCATABLE)
Location: Yambio (Western Equatoria State).
Application Opening Date: October 21st, 2026.
Application Closing Date: November 10th, 2026.
Reporting Line: Education Coordinator.
Position opened to: South Sudanese.

Organizational Context:

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is ministry of the Society of Jesus, incorporated as an international non-governmental organization with a mission to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people. The organization was founded in November 1980 and now has a presence in over 50 Countries. JRS undertakes services at national and regional levels with the support and guidance of an international office (IO) in Rome.

JRS started operating in South Sudan in 1997 in Central and Eastern Equatoria States, mainly focusing on Education. Following the secession of South Sudan from Sudan in July 2011, and in line with its mission, JRS phased out projects in this region during 2012. The post-independence war in 2013 encouraged JRS to restart large integrated programs in Maban County, Renk and Western Equatoria State. All along, JRS mission has been to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees, internally displaced persons and anyone obliged to leave their homes forcefully in South Sudan. JRS main focus areas include Education and Livelihoods, Mental Health and Psycho-social Support, peace building and Reconciliation.

Position Description:

The Senior Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) Officer is responsible for technical and quality delivery of JRS Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) portfolio in Western Equatoria. The post holder will lead the day-to-day project planning, implementation, monitoring and coordination of all projects related activities with direct support from the project director and thematic heads of departments. Sh/e is expected to be well verse with project cycle management (PCM) and Results-based management (RBM) approaches and other technical approaches including the FFS approach, VSLA and Community-based business development approach (CBBD). The post holder will work closely with various project stakeholders including State line ministries, UN agencies and humanitarian partners, and actively participates in humanitarian cluster coordination meetings. The post holder will report directly to Education Coordinator, collaborate with MHPSS Coordinator and Operation staff and supervise the work of the Assistant Nutrition and Community Engagement Officers to ensure quality project delivery

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Key Responsibilities:

Project design, planning and expansion

- **Contribute to project design and proposal development:** Actively contribute technical expertise to the design and development of high-quality, context-specific Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) projects, ensuring alignment with organizational strategies, donor priorities, humanitarian needs, and relevant standards.
- **Conduct needs assessments and context analysis:** Participate in and provide technical leadership for multisectoral needs assessments, market assessments, livelihood analyses, food security assessments, and vulnerability analyses to identify community needs, existing capacities, livelihood opportunities, and barriers to sustainable recovery.
- **Promote evidence-based and integrated programming:** Analyze assessment findings and secondary data to inform the design of integrated FSL interventions that respond to identified needs, strengthen household resilience, improve food security and nutrition outcomes, and support sustainable livelihood recovery among vulnerable and conflict-affected populations.
- **Strengthen technical capacity of project staff:** Identify technical capacity gaps among FSL project staff and develop or facilitate appropriate training, coaching, mentoring, and on-the-job support on FSL approaches, technical standards, implementation methodologies, accountability, and quality assurance to improve staff performance and program delivery.
- **Integrate cross-cutting priorities:** Ensure that FSL project designs incorporate gender equality, mainstream protection, disability inclusion, environmental sustainability, accountability to affected populations (AAP), safeguarding, and conflict sensitivity throughout the project cycle.

Project Implementation and coordination

- Support the preparation of detailed project implementation plans, activity schedules, procurement plans, and resource requirements in collaboration with program, finance, logistics, and other relevant teams, ensuring that planned activities are achievable within the approved budgets and implementation timelines.
- Lead or support the development, adaptation, and dissemination of technical guidelines, implementation tools, beneficiary selection criteria, monitoring tools, and other operational documents to ensure consistency and quality in the project implementation.
- Strengthen climate-smart and nutrition-sensitive food production capacity of Vulnerable Households, particularly women and youth, through practical training on climate-smart agriculture, soil and water conservation, sustainable crop management, post-harvest handling, food preservation, and improved storage techniques using the FFS approach.
- Support the establishment of community–school garden partnerships to sustainably produce and strengthen the community-led school feeding program (CBSFP).
- Establish and strengthen school-based food reserves through community support and contributions.
- Organize, support and build the capacity of Small-Scale Women-Led Poultry and Egg

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Production Enterprises in target project areas.

- In collaboration with relevant local Vocational Training institutions, organize and facilitate Market-Driven Vocational Skills Training for Women and Youth Caregiver groups supported by the project.
- Facilitate the distribution and administration of Starter Kits and Micro-Grants to Support Enterprise Establishment and Income Generation for Trained Women and Youth Caregiver groups.
- Support the establishment and strengthening of Women- and Youth-Led Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) within the target school catchment communities to enhance financial inclusion, promote a culture of savings, and improve access to locally managed credit for vulnerable households.
- Facilitate community-based Women and Youth Business Incubation Hubs to provide ongoing mentorship, business development support, and networking opportunities for women and youth caregivers participating in business enterprises.
- In collaboration with the Education technical project staff, support schools to develop or adapt operational guidelines to support in establishment, institutionalization and implementation of school feeding program.
- Work closely with program teams, local government departments, humanitarian coordination mechanisms, implementing partners, and other relevant stakeholders during project planning, implementation and monitoring to promote complementarity, avoid duplication, strengthen integrated and coordinated responses and instill project ownership.
- Lead and coordinate community mobilization and engagement activities, working closely with the Community Engagement Officer, Nutrition Assistant, and Education Officers to promote active community participation, strengthen local ownership, and support the effective implementation of project activities.
- Actively participate in Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Cash Working Group (CWG), and other relevant humanitarian cluster coordination forums to strengthen program visibility, promote information sharing and cross-sector collaboration, identify emerging needs and response gaps, and contribute to joint planning, coordination, and the exchange of best practices and lessons learned.

Program monitoring, accountability and learning

- Work with the Education Coordinator in JRS Western Equatoria State Coordination office to design and manage projects monitoring processes, including project performance management and tracking tools, checklists and dissemination of assessment reports and findings.
- Organize frequent field visits to monitor the progress of project activities implementation against agreed benchmarks and plans and generate reports to inform project management decision making processes.
- In coordination with JRS MEAL officer and other project team, establish an effective and functional system for beneficiaries' complaints and feedback handling and response in project target areas.
- Support program teams in profiling and documentation of impact stories/case studies, beneficiaries feedback and project best practices to enhance program learning and improvement.
- In close coordination with Education Coordinator, facilitate regular field level project performance review in targeted schools.
- Establish, maintain, and regularly update an accurate and comprehensive database of school feeding project activities and beneficiaries to support effective project

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monitoring, timely reporting, data-driven decision-making, and accountability to beneficiaries, donors, and other relevant stakeholders.

- Prepare and submit timely, accurate, evidence-based, and high-quality project reports in accordance with JRS internal reporting requirements and donor standards.
- Contribute to monthly field-level FSL cluster reporting and inter-agency coordination by sharing relevant project updates, lessons learned, and good practices to promote knowledge exchange, strengthen coordination, and improve the quality of nutrition programming.

Education qualifications, Experience & Skills required:

- **Academic Qualifications:** A minimum of a bachelor's degree in agriculture, Food Security and Livelihoods, Rural Development, Agricultural Economics, or another relevant field.
- **Professional Experience:** At least 5 years of relevant professional experience working with international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), preferably in the design, implementation, monitoring, and management of Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) program in humanitarian or development contexts.
- **Participatory Approaches and Community Engagement:** Extensive knowledge and practical experience in applying participatory tools and methodologies to facilitate community mobilization, needs assessments, beneficiary identification, program planning, implementation, and monitoring.
- **Program Management and Coordination:** Proven ability to develop and implement activity plans, coordinate field-level interventions, supervise project teams, monitor implementation against approved work plans and budgets, and ensure the timely delivery of quality program outputs.
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL):** Experience developing and applying monitoring tools, collecting and analyzing program data, documenting lessons learned and best practices, and preparing quality narrative reports to inform evidence-based decision-making and program improvement.
- **Capacity Building and Training:** Demonstrated ability to design and facilitate training for community groups, farmers, livelihood groups, school feeding cooks, community volunteers, and other relevant stakeholders on food security, sustainable livelihood practices, nutrition-sensitive programming, and community-based program management.
- **Stakeholders' coordination and Engagement:** Strong experience coordinating with local authorities, community structures, relevant government departments, UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders to strengthen program implementation, partnerships, and complementarity of interventions.
- **Computer Literacy:** Strong computer skills, particularly in Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint for data analysis, report writing, presentations, and program documentation.
- **Language:** Excellent written and communication skills in English, knowledge of spoken Arabic and Pazande will be an added advantage.
- Commitment to JRS's mission, vision and values - the ability to convey with enthusiasm JRS's role in accompanying and serving forcibly displaced people and to advocate for

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their right to protection and a life in dignity.

- **Accountability:** Hold self-accountable for making decisions, managing resources efficiently, achieving and role modelling JRS values.
- Collaboration: Build and maintains effective relationships with team members, partners' staff and other stakeholders in the field.
- **Creativity:** Develops and encourages new and innovative solutions.
- **Integrity:** Honest, encourages openness and transparency in day-to-day work.

How to apply:

Interested candidates should submit their applications online through sds.recruit@jrs.net or drop hard copy to JRS South Sudan, Country Office in Tongpiny located along the second inner road on your right hand side branching from Radiant Nursery School when slopping from Juba Regency Hotel to Indian Embassy, please indicate the Job title clearly on the email subject or the cover of your envelop addressing to HR Department, JRS South Sudan, application deadline is as indicated above (**November 10th, 2026) at 5:00 PM.** The documents required are the following: -

1. An updated cover letter demonstrating your suitability against your ideal profile outlined above.
2. A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) with three Professional Referees.
3. A copy of National ID.

PLEASE NOTE: Application screening will be on daily basis due to the urgent need to fill the position and only candidates who meet the Job requirements will be considered, shortlisted candidates will tentatively be contacted before the deadline date for a first phase of Interview which will be a Written Interview and those successful during the Written Interview shall be invited for Oral Interview in which case is the second phase. **Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply**.

Commitment to Child Safeguarding

JRS is committed to safeguarding of children **(under 18 years)** who encounter with JRS South Sudan personnel and volunteers in all JRS South Sudan works. All JRS South Sudan Staff are expected to comply with JRS Child safeguarding Policy and Procedures in this regard and to sign a declaration of commitment to this effect.

Commitment to Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH)

JRS South Sudan takes the protection from sexual exploitation, abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) serious, and all JRS South Sudan personnel and volunteers are expected to comply with JRS' PSEAH policy and are to sign declaration of commitment.

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