



Advertisement for Project Officer Agribusiness -Rumbek

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) is a Non-Governmental International Organization implementing humanitarian relief and long-term development programs in South Sudan. Norwegian People's Aid is a humanitarian organisation rooted in the Norwegian Labour Movement. NPA has worked in South Sudan since 1986, and currently runs three programmes: Partnership with Civil Society, Rural Development, and Emergency Response. NPA South Sudan has around 200 staff and an annual turnover of close to 20 million USD. NPA is currently implementing 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. The overall objective of the Expansion of Rural Agricultural Inputs Supply and Extension Services (E-RAISE) is "to contribute to improved food security and income of the population of the Republic of South Sudan". The project therefore seeks to recruit a highly competent, proactive and self-driven person (South Sudanese National only) to fill the position of Project Officer- Agribusiness.

Purpose of the Position:

 Responsible for implementation and technical guidance of agribusiness and micro-economic development related activities (market linkages, access to micro-finance, value chain development, and promotion of income generation opportunities).

Duties and responsibilities:

- 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 field-based 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.
- Undertake any other duties assigned to you by your supervisors

Qualifications, Experience, Attributes & Skills required:

- A degree or diploma in Agriculture Economics/Agribusiness Management/Economic Management/Economic
- Minimum of 3 years of field experience in implementing agri-business promotion related activities with reputable NGOs or government or private sector in a pastoralist/agro-pastoralist context.
- Ability to plan 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.
- Ability to independently solve complex and challenging problems.
- Strong computer skills (Word, Excel, Power point and, etc.).
- Good communication both oral & written.
- A team player with good organizational skills.

Particular Requirements/Desirables/Personal Qualities:

Communication – 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 Multi-Task – 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. **Teamwork** – Works cooperatively with others in the organization to achieve the organization's mission, values, and goals.

Compliance- 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 based on gender, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation.

Qualified South Sudanese 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: recruitment-res@npaid.org

Hard copy application and CV/Resume can also be delivered to NPA Rumbek Office.

Applications submitted after 12:00 noon on Wednesday 27th January 2021 will not be considered.

NB:

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