

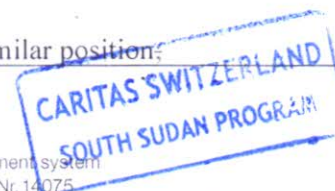
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Vacancy Announcement

**Project Officer for MARKET LINKAGE / VALUE ADDITION
in SOUTH SUDAN**

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| <p>Organisation & programme information</p> | <p>Caritas Switzerland (CaCH) is an International Non-governmental Organisation (INGO) which works worldwide and adheres to international humanitarian principles.</p> <p>In South Sudan, CaCH implements comprehensive recovery projects to provide basic services that aim for increased resilience among the target population by improving food security and access to safe water for the beneficiaries. Farmers and small-scale business holders shall be integrated into the market system so that they can sell their produce on the local markets. With a specific focus on the improved value chain of agricultural products (sorghum, maize, peanuts, sesame), ecological produced and fairly priced products will be placed on markets and contribute to enhancing income and job opportunities for the poor, thereby reducing the dependency of the communities on external aid. For this project being implemented in Ikwoto County / Eastern Equatoria State, CaCH is currently seeking a Project Officer for the Market Linkage / Value Addition component.</p> |
| <p>Position</p> | <p>Project Officer Market Linkage / Value Addition</p> |
| <p>Reporting to</p> | <p>Project Manager Market Linkage / Income Generation</p> |
| <p>Workplace</p> | <p>Ikwoto County and Torit Town, based in Ikwoto</p> |
| <p>Starting date</p> | <p>November 2021 (or according to agreement)</p> |
| <p>Duration</p> | <p>10 months with possibility of extension</p> |
| <p>Key tasks & responsibilities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together with the Project Manager on how farmers can improve the value chains of agricultural products through processing and value-addition, specifically through milling corn, grinding peanuts/sesame, packaging and labelling; • Facilitate the formation/reactivation of farmers groups and cooperatives for jointly managing cooperative stores and the implementation of agribusiness activities at Boma/County levels; • Support the process to link participating farmers to the market and identify specific private sector stakeholders (traders, agro-dealers) with the capacity to positively impact the linkage process; • Support in the development of market value chains for agricultural products and ensure that women who often lack access to information, capital and technical skills are also integrated into more profitable value chains with better access to higher-value markets; • Organise trainings for the beneficiaries in value addition and marketing; • Ensure regular exchanges between farmers, traders/agro-dealers and government staff; • Participate in planning, implementation, and monitoring of the milling/grinding, packaging and labelling components of the project; • Contribute to the project reporting; |
| <p>Essential requirements & qualifications</p> | <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Diploma or BSc. from an accredited university in Agricultural Economics (Agro-Business) / Rural Development or related fields of study. <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 2 years of experience with INGO in a similar position; |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical experience in improving value chains of agricultural products, linking agribusiness to markets, and rural livelihood development • Knowledge and experiences in in monitoring and evaluations (M&E) • Experience in conducting market research, collecting and analyzing market data • Experience in economic recovery and development, civil society and crosscutting themes regarding youth development programs and gender mainstreaming • Excellent working knowledge of English • Strong report writing skills in English • Very good computer skills • Ability to work effectively as part of a team and with minimum supervision • Ability to multi-task, set priorities, and work under tight deadlines <p>Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency in spoken and written English • Fluency in spoken local Arabic • Knowledge of local languages (i.e. Lotuko, Lokwa) is a strong asset <p>Desirable qualifications and competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly developed communication skills • Strong inter-personal, cultural and diplomatic skills • Good knowledge in applying training formats using participatory approaches • Good experience of working in remote field locations highly desirable |
| | <p>The position is open only for South Sudanese Nationals</p> <p>Interested candidates should submit the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Letter • Copy of certificate(s) • Curriculum Vitae (CV) with names and contacts of three referees who should be present or former direct supervisors. <p><i>DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. IF NEEDED, YOU WILL BE PERSONALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO.</i></p> <p>Hand deliver your application to Caritas Switzerland Office in Torit or in Ikwoto with the envelope clearly labelled CARITAS SWITZERLAND stating <i>Project Officer for the Market Linkage / Value Addition component</i> <i>or email your application to jjekel@caritas.ch & ojohn@caritas.ch the latest by 29th October, 2021</i></p> <p><i>Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</i></p> <p><i>Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</i></p> <p><i>Caritas Switzerland reserves the right to cancel the recruitment process.</i></p> |
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