



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Portfolio Officer- Investing in Women

Juba, South Sudan



About Us

The AECF (Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund) is a development institution that finances early and growth-stage businesses to innovate, create jobs, and leverage investments and markets to create resilience and sustainable incomes in rural and marginalized communities in Africa.

Since 2008, we have invested over US\$ 300 million in over 510 businesses across sub-Saharan Africa focusing on Agribusiness, Renewable Energy, and Climate-smart Technologies. We have impacted more than 33 million lives, created over 35,000 jobs, and leveraged over US\$ 838 million in matching funds to our portfolio companies.

AECF is headquartered in Kenya, with offices in Côte d'Ivoire, Tanzania, Nigeria, South Sudan, Benin, and Somalia.

About the Programme

Investing in Women in South Sudan (IIW-SS) is a five-year (June 2021 to July 2026) gender equality and economic inclusion programme being implemented by The AECF with funding from Global Affairs Canada (GAC). The programme responds to the poverty, food insecurity, conflict, and climate-change vulnerability of female small-scale farmers in South Sudan who are excluded from the economic opportunities of major agriculture value chains. The outcome of IIW-SS is to economically empower women in the agricultural sector in Central and Eastern Equatoria States in South Sudan. IIW-SS will provide catalytic finance, technical assistance, and advocacy to women-focused businesses and women's enterprise associations, groups, and cooperatives and to the women that they work with.

The Role

The incumbent will be responsible for the overall comprehensive planning and execution of assigned programme activities to ensure that: implementation is on track, performance targets are met, progress reporting is timely and accurate, and resources are utilized appropriately. The role holder will lead the technical and grants management support to a portfolio of investments in small and medium-sized enterprises and women's producer organisations in the agriculture sector in South Sudan.

This role will report to the Country Program Lead- IIW- SS

Responsibilities and Qualifications

Key Responsibilities

- Contribute to establishing appropriate linkages with the relevant state/ government departments, donors, private sector bodies, potential project partners, and civil society.
- Effectively onboard and manage the portfolio of approved investees to ensure delivery of set program objectives and development impact targets as well as technical assistance.
- Lead in continuous learning and design of initiatives related to seed marketing, market intelligence, and seed business to address seed production and marketing challenges.
- Contribute to the portfolio learning agenda through collection of investee progress reports and validation of impact reported following AECF guidelines on impact measurement.
- Contribute to baseline, mid-term, and end-line evaluations.
- Ensure compliance with internal controls and risk management of the portfolio in accordance with the wider AECF Management Framework.
- Implement the program risk and mitigation framework, in line with the overall AECF Risk and Compliance Management Framework.

The suitable candidate should:

- Hold a university degree in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Business Management, Project management, or a related field.
- Have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in portfolio or investment management, including experience with financial and operational due diligence of early or growth-stage agricultural businesses.
- Knowledge of program monitoring, data collection, and analysis tools, developing project results measurement plans, and donor reporting will be an added advantage.
- Experience in relevant AECF sectors is preferred and in portfolio or investment management, including experience with financial and operational due diligence of early or growth-stage businesses.
- Have proven project management skills, demonstrate the ability to manage complex and competing resource allocation requirements, with the ability to work with a diverse group of clients.
- Have a good understanding of rural markets in Africa and an understanding of the operations of donors and international development organizations will be an added advantage.
- Have good analytical and communication skills with the ability to prepare proposals, reports, investment memos, and concept papers to a high level of proficiency.
- Fluency in written and oral English and Arabic languages.

How to Apply

The AECF is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will be considered based on merit without regard to race, sex, colour, national origin, religion, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

AECF does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview, meeting, processing, training, or any other fees).

If you believe, you can clearly demonstrate your abilities to meet the relevant criteria for the role, register and apply on: <https://recruitment.aecfafrica.org>. To be considered, your application must be received by: **8th August 2024**.

For more information, please visit our careers page on www.aecfafrica.org

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Qualified Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

Our Values



We pursue
EXCELLENCE



We value
PEOPLE



We
INNOVATE



We
COLLABORATE