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## JOB ADVERTISEMENT - PROJECT OFFICER- LIVESTOCK- TORIT

## **ABOUT VSF CANADA**

Veterinarians without Borders/ Vétérinaires sans frontières – Canada (VWB/VSF) is a charitable, International humanitarian organization, founded in 2005, whose mission is to work for, and with, those in need to foster the health of animals, people, and the environments that sustain us. This organization engages in activities around the world related to the health of farm animals, urban domestic animals, and wildlife, as well as public and ecosystem health. See <a href="https://www.vetswithoutborders.ca">www.vetswithoutborders.ca</a> for more details.

VSF Canada Secured funding from **Zoetis foundation** to implement the project titled "Building Livelihood Resilience for Income Security and Dignified Life" in Torit County- Eastern Equatoria State. The Project's main objective is; To enhance food security and livelihood resilience of livestock farmers in Torit County of Eastern Equatoria State (South Sudan).

VSF Canada is seeking to recruit a qualified and well-experienced Veterinarian to support the implementation of this project in Torit in the capacity of Project officer- Livestock. He/She will be based in Torit but with frequent visits to the field sites (Payams, Bomas and Villages). The incumbent will work in collaboration with other staffs, local authorities, and the Program Manager.

The Project Officer-Livestock should be knowledgeable and passionate about strengthening animal health interventions including regulatory aspects, livestock epidemic surveillance, One Health as a sustainable approach for ensuring healthy people derive their livelihoods from healthy livestock in a sustainably managed environment. As a Project officer, he/she should have a deeper understanding of community mobilization and dialogue. In addition, he/she should also be capable of taking into account contextually relevant considerations such as socioeconomic conditions, conflict, faith, cultural diversity and the policy environment. Lastly, he/she should have knowledge and experience of community participatory approaches, delivering of animal healthcare services in conflict situations and an understanding of the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS).

#### **ABOUT THE JOB**

Position Title: Project Officer-Livestock

Location: Torit

Reporting to: The Program Manager

Term: Full-time, 11 Months (3 Months' Probation).

#### JOB SUMMARY

The purpose of the Project officers' position is to effectively implement the **Zoetis foundation** funded "Building Livelihood Resilience for Income Security and Dignified Life" Project in Torit County- Eastern Equatoria State. He/she ensures the proper implementation of Project activities in the assigned location within in South Sudan, in collaboration with other team members of the project and partners.



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## Key duties and Responsibilities

#### Administration

 Provide coordinating and administrative support as directed by the Program Manager and or Country Director.

 Actively, directly, and regularly engage in discussions and meetings with donors, partners, and government officials on project issues and solutions.

Monitor the security situation in the project area and at the satellite office.

Coordinate the procurement of veterinary supplies and equipment.

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## **Project Design, Planning & Implementation**

- Engage primarily in the design, planning, and implementation of Livestock Projects across
  Eastern Equatoria including emergency responses in accordance with project design,
  implementation plan and other interim plans;
- Participate in the development of a detailed implementation plan of livestock activities with staff and partners/stakeholders.
- Develop work plans, and financial projections and verify all financial reports on the respective project component.
- Act as the liaison person between partners, the Program Manager, and any Consultants to ensure the timely delivery of project activities
- Provides technical assistance and support to VSF-Canada network of community animal health workers in areas such as Vaccination, treatment and training of pastoralist.
- Ensure that summary of community meetings, seminars or workshops facilitated and or attended by project staff is well documented and shared with others;
- Organize and participate in stakeholders meeting, livestock cluster forum meetings at the state level, and participate in workshops and field planning exercises.
- In close consultation with the Program Manager, liaises with relevant government institutions, counterparts, NGO and CBO partners with the objective of effective implementation of the project activities.
- Facilitates trainings, workshops, experience sharing visits, etc that are related to the needs of target beneficiaries and government line departments.
- Coordinate and organize livestock stakeholder meetings and prepare minutes/reports of said meetings.
- Train livestock farmers on modern goat and chicken keeping/rearing practices to improve production and productivity.
- Train livestock farmers on construction of housing units for goats and chicken using locally available materials.
- Train livestock keepers on fodder and animal feed production using local resources.
- Facilitate market linkages between farmers and milk/meat buyers including private and public sector linkages using local radio stations.
- Conduct training on common zoonotic diseases for CAHWs and other key stakeholders.



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- Conduct training of CAHWs and other stakeholders on pre-response assessment, data collection, analysis and reporting of zoonotic diseases.
- Supporting home and healthcare facility-based zoonotic diseases prevention awareness campaigns by community health workers.
- Support in developing training manuals or other materials for Animal health and community awareness of animal diseases.
- Prepare and implement participatory disease surveillance and response preparedness plans.
- Provide advice on animal breeding and welfare, undertake Post-Mortem examination and other diagnostic tests where necessary.
- Directly supervise livestock treatment and vaccination campaigns under the project and ensure proper documentation of the same for reference and analysis.
- Train community animal health workers, partners, private veterinary owners, and the community on animal health, disease surveillance and response, and animal feed technology.
- Establish an effective working relationship with government, non-governmental and communitybased organizations and work cordially with local partners, authorities, and leaders in reaching the beneficiaries.
- Carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the Line Manager.

## **Project Monitoring & Reporting**

- Prepare and submit timely progress reports including any obstacles affecting project implementation
- Permanently monitor activities and report progress to the Program Manager
- Participate in activity planning and develop data collection systems enabling effective monitoring of defined indicators.
- Together with the Program Manager, properly document the achievements and lessons of the project activities and share with concerned stakeholders.
- Track project activities to ensure they are progressing as per schedule.

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#### Job Requirement

#### Qualifications, Experience & Skills required.

- University Degree in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Production, Animal Science or Animal Health from a recognized institution.
- A minimum of 3 years working experience in NGO in the area of animal production, animal health, infectious disease management, including regulatory aspects, standard setting;
- Knowledge and experience of working with pastoral communities and speaking local Arabic languages will be an added advantage.
- Knowledge of Participatory epidemiology, Participatory Disease surveillance, livestock body condition scoring, feed technology and livestock value chain capacity building and access issues.
- Excellent computer knowledge, communication and report writing skills.
- Language proficiency in written and spoken English, Interpersonal communication and report writing skills.



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- Good in teamwork, gender equality, sensitivity to cross cutting issues (eg HIV/AIDS) and participatory approach and focus on sustainable development
- Willingness to work in remote pastoral settings with beneficiary communities

## How to apply:

To apply, submit a cover letter and detailed resume clearly explaining how your skills and experience meet the expectations of the position description and academic certificates. Please submit your application to rose@vetswithoutborders.ca and copy taban@vetswithoutborders.ca or hand deliver to our office at UAP Equatoria Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Wing B. Hai Neem- Malakia-Juba Road.

**Application closes**: 3<sup>rd</sup>, February, 2023. <u>Due to the urgency of the position</u>, applications will be reviewed on rolling basis and position may be filled before the deadline.

Please write "Project Officer- Livestock" in the subject line of the email.

VWB/VSF is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce and encourages qualified female and male candidates from all religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply to join our organization.

NB: This Position is only for South Sudanese Nationals.



