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Vacancy Announcement

NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST

RESILIENCE THROUGH AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH SUDAN (RASS) PROJECT

CARE seeks a Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Specialist for a USAID-funded Resilience through Agriculture Project in South Sudan (RASS). CARE is an International NGO working in South Sudan. CARE and its partners work with vulnerable communities to address the underlying causes of poverty and promote peace and development, through its strategic goal to reduce poverty by empowering women, enhancing access to resources and services and improving governance and addressing social injustices.

The position will be based in Juba, South Sudan with regular visits to other project locations and is open to South Sudanese Nationals only.

Position:	Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Specialist.
Department:	Program
Location:	Juba
Reports to:	Program Quality and Development Coordinator.

Project Summary

Resilience through Agriculture in South Sudan (RASS) is a four-year program funded by USAID/South Sudan in the Republic of South Sudan. The overall goal of the project is to improve food security and community household recovery and resilience in 13 target counties, reducing long-term reliance on humanitarian assistance. This goal will be realized through strengthening the capacities of community groups; improving the effectiveness of the local agricultural systems to sustain gender-responsive, diversified, and market-sensitive agricultural production; increasing availability of, access to, and utilization of diverse, safe, and affordable diets; and expanding opportunities for sustainable, locally driven livelihoods.

RASS will be implemented by a consortium comprising DAI Global LLC (Contractor), CARE South Sudan (sub-contractor) and IFDC (sub-contractor) who will work with a range of local actors—traditional authorities, local government, civil society organizations (CSOs); women's and youth groups; producer groups, associations, and cooperatives; and the private sector in collaboration with the USAID Mission in South Sudan. RASS project will be implemented in the following 13 counties which are targeted areas in the Mission's Strategic Framework: Budi, Kapoeta North, Akobo, Uror, Pibor, Duk, Ulang, Baliet, Leer, Panyijar, Mayendit, Wau and Jur River.





Scope and Focus of the Role

The key and specific functions and roles of the Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Specialist shall include but are not limited to the following:

Responsibilities and Tasks

- i. Ensure focus on small holder and women farmers with attention given to design dimensions of gender and equity, community involvement, local farming systems, the role of markets and value added processes.
- ii. Provide technical assistance and training to implementing partners and RASS field programs, build capacity of local organizations to adopt and apply effective agriculture/nutrition strategies into their programs. This includes: developing, adapting and/or applying training methods, curricula, indicators and monitoring systems related to nutrition that are relevant to agriculture programs/policies and build capacity among public and private sector agriculture partners.
- iii. Serve as the project liaison with relevant agriculture/nutrition communities and fora including identifying and compiling most promising tools and field approaches aimed at maximizing nutritional outcomes of agriculture programs and policies
- iv. Provide technical leadership, technical support and guidance to implementing and operational partners on the nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food security component of the RASS which includes contribution to work plans, reports, and reflections and reviews.
- v. Facilitate meetings, trainings, and workshops using utilization-focused, appreciative, participatory, adult learning methodologies and approaches.
- vi. Coordinate and work closely with other team members on day-to-day activities and to advance project priorities and emerging focus areas in programming using the appropriate tools.
- vii. Actively participate in the relevant technical communities of practice, and contribute to project information sharing, coordination, and collaboration as appropriate.
- viii. Support Data collection and reporting through development of effective tools for measuring, monitoring and providing on time reporting of Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture activities.
- ix. Provide though leadership, technical guidance and develop tools and approaches to nutrition sensitive agriculture for the program, with an emphasis on gender equality, youth, and social inclusion.
- x. Identify and develop effective partnerships both and community and project level that increase understanding and effective implementation of successful nutrition sensitive agriculture interventions in the program areas.
- xi. Build capacity and provide mentorship and support to project staff in nutrition sensitive agriculture.

Qualifications and Competencies

Education and background

- Master's Degree in a relevant discipline, Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Nutrition, Rural Development
- Proven track record with over eight years' experience in the sector in a fragile context, including experience of field-level management of complex resilience and/or humanitarian response programs. Prior experience in South Sudan highly preferred.





Experience and Technical Skills

Required

- Demonstrated experience integrating nutrition into agriculture projects and knowledge of nutrition-sensitive agriculture concepts
- Experience working with sustainable and climate smart agricultural (CSA) practices, resilient food systems, and market driven, nutrition-sensitive agricultural value chains (horticulture, dairy, livestock, legumes)
- Experience designing and conducting participatory training and/or workshops on nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- Experience developing and implementing behavior change communications campaigns to improve dietary diversity and improve health and nutrition outcomes
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience working with various actors across agricultural market systems, including rural producers, farmers' associations, and processors, with an understanding of key entry points for nutrition integration
- Demonstrated ability to integrate a gender lens into nutrition-sensitive approaches
- Expertise and experience implementing complex donor funded gender-aware nutrition-sensitive agriculture programs
- Experience in capacity building to leading a team, including remote management technical assistance preferred, and demonstrated project management and implementation experience.
- Robust M&E experience for scaling up evidence based nutrition sensitive agriculture programs, policies and frameworks.

Desired

- Demonstrated experience working with international development donors such as USAID and other US government agencies,
- In-depth understanding of gender, age, and other socio-cultural factors in the context of Agriculture and Food Security programming in South Sudan.

Language and competencies

- Full professional proficiency in English (written and oral communications skills) is required.
- Strong skills in planning and organization, partnership, and collaborative problem solving.
- Demonstrated ability to network, communicate, and build/maintain relationships with a wide range of stakeholders.

Other

- Ability to travel within project areas of South Sudan as required and as the security situation allows.





HOW TO APPLY

The position will be based in Koch. This position is ONLY open to South Sudanese Nationals. Opening Date **20th October, 2021** and Closing date CARE South Sudan receiving application will be **8th November, 2021**.

Applications and CVs should be delivered to: jobs.southsudan@care.org Or Hand delivery to: CARE Office NPA Building 3rd floor, Martyrs Street Juba South Sudan.

CARE is an Equal Opportunity Employer, promoting gender, equity and diversity and women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

