



Biomarker and Anthropometry Lead for the Nigerian National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey (Ref. No: DDG-R4D/BAL/NFC/MS/02/20)

Background: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) invites applications for the internationally recruited position of **Biomarker and Anthropometry Lead for the Nigerian National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey**.

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa's most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit <http://www.iita.org/> for more information on IITA.

Position Responsibilities

The Biomarker and Anthropometry Lead will be based at IITA, the NFCMS coordinating office in Ibadan, Oyo State and will:

- Lead, plan, coordinate and supervise all activities related to biomarker and anthropometry for the survey.
- Report to the overall survey coordinator.
- Lead and coordinate with eHealthAfrica and participate in identifying and evaluating capacities of local laboratories to effectively carry out all assigned lab analysis.
- Work closely with eHealthAfrica and OPM in the identification of appropriate laboratory supplies and equipment and storage space as required by the survey.
- Coordinate with eHealthAfrica and assist with cold-chain storage space as required by the survey.
- Supervise and work closely with the sub-awardee (eHealthAfrica and Oxford Policy Management (OPM)) in planning and implementing the sample movement process.
- Lead the development of training manuals and the delivery of training to field teams.
- Lead and coordinate with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), eHealthAfrica and OPM training and piloting for the biomarker and anthropometry field teams.
- Lead and oversee coordination of field operations, provide support in the management of the sub-awardees.
- Communicate progress on important aspects of the survey prior to survey training, during training, piloting, implementation, and post survey activities.
- Lead in the development of a data analysis plan for the biomarker and anthropometry component of the survey, data-cleaning and drafting of reports.
- Perform any duties assigned by the supervisor.

Educational Qualifications

The candidate should have a finalised PhD degree in Nutrition or Public Health or related fields.

Core Competencies

- At least five years of field-based work and experience in large scale surveys involved in bio-sample data collection in developing countries.
- Demonstrated ability to be collaborative across activities while utilizing strong communications and interpersonal skills, with evidence of the ability to productively interact with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated capacity to manage complex teams, including problem solving skills, and capacity to meet deadlines and deliver quality deliverables to meet objectives.
- Very strong written and verbal communication skills (proficiency in English).
- 10 years of significant related international experience to successfully achieve meaningful and sustainable results.
- Ability to translate technical material into practical tools and guidance materials
- Previous working experience in an international organization and/or in a complex or multi-faceted environment
- Competence in quantitative analysis, with the ability to present patterns in data with both statistical rigor and simplicity to non-specialist audiences
- Visual creativity, including design of slides and diagrams and excellent presentation skills
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Reliable, timely, delivery-oriented working style.
- Capacity to foster effective, trusting, collaborative relationships, within the coordinating office, but also with external stakeholders.
- Fast learner with curiosity and appetite to take on challenging tasks personally.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision on specific tasks.

Duty Station: IITA Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria

General information: The contract will be for an initial period of two years. IITA offers an internationally competitive remuneration package paid in US Dollars.

Applications: Applications must include covering letter which should address how the candidate's background/experience relates to the specific duties of the position applied for, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three professional referees (which **must** include either the Head of the applicant's current or previous organization or applicant's direct Supervisor/Superior at his/her present or former place of work). The application should be addressed to the Head, Human Resources Service. Please complete our online application form using this link: <http://www.iita.org/careers>

Closing Date: 1st April 2020

IITA is an equal opportunity employer and particularly welcomes applications from women candidates.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.