Dietary Intake Lead for Nigerian National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey (Ref. No: DDG-R4D/DIL/NFC/MS/02/20)

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

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
- Lead, plan, coordinate and supervise all activities related to dietary intake for the survey including pre-survey and main survey fieldwork.
- Lead and/or contribute to activities for the development of detailed pre-survey field protocols (i.e. standard operating procedures for the development of standard recipes, collection of conversion factors and pre-testing of portion size estimation methods).
- Lead pre-survey training workshops with field workers (i.e., training field workers to facilitate group discussions, and on methods for the collection of standard recipes, market surveys and pre-testing PSEM).
- Lead and/contribute to data collection and analyses to generate databases to be uploaded into the INDDEX24 application.
- Lead in the development of a data analysis plan for the dietary component of the survey, data-cleaning and drafting of dietary reports.
- Lead training workshops with all field staff (i.e., field coordinators, supervisors and enumerators).
- Oversee coordination of field operations, provide support in the management of the component.
- Work closely with all stakeholders of the NFCMS, particularly with the dietary technical advisors (such as Intake – Center for Dietary Assessment/FHI Solutions and International Dietary Data Expansion Project (INDDEX)).
- Report to the overall survey coordinator.
- Supervise project staff on dietary intake.
- Perform any duties assigned by the supervisor (Overall Survey Coordinator).

Educational Qualifications
The candidate should have a finalised PhD in Nutrition, Food Science/Technology, Public Health or related fields.
Core Competencies

- At least five years of field-based work in large scale dietary surveys preferably in Nigeria or in low- and middle-income 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.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Very strong written and verbal communication skills (proficiency in English).
- Knowledge of Nigerian foods desirable.
- 10 years of significant related international experience to successfully achieve meaningful and sustainable results.
- 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.
- Ability to translate technical material into practical tools and guidance materials.
- Visual creativity, including design of slides and diagrams and excellent presentation skills.
- 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.