



## **Sudan Aflasafe Project Management Specialist (Ref. No: DDG-R4D/SA/PMS/11/20)**

**Background:** The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) invites applications for the internationally recruited position of **Sudan Aflasafe Project Management Specialist**.

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**

S/he will be the key focal point in Sudan for assisting the Project Manager to:

- Lead research and disseminate activities related to aflatoxin prevalence and biocontrol in Sudanese crops in consultation and collaboration with IITA scientists and partners in Sudan.
- Implement and coordinate the project on Aflatoxin Mitigation in Sudan funded by the French Development Agency.
- Report on project progress per reporting requirements and communicating constraints in a timely manner.
- Ensure efficient planning and timely delivery of activity outputs and milestones as per project work plan.
- Organize all necessary project meetings.
- Liaise with all project partners and other stakeholders for fostering effective linkages and close collaboration.

### **Specific responsibilities will include**

- Conducting assessments relevant to determination of the prevalence and severity of aflatoxins in Sudan.
- Assisting in identifying atoxigenic strains for biocontrol development in Sudan.
- Evaluating the efficacy of these biocontrol strains on groundnut, sorghum, maize, sesame, and cotton in partnership with farmers, project partners and other stakeholders in Sudan.
- Pursuing Aflasafe product registration in Sudan and advise on IP management and contribute to its commercialization and market development thereafter.
- Conducting field and laboratory activities to continue to demonstrate the efficacy of biocontrol on a product marketing setting in partnership with the private sector.
- Participating in the recruitment and training of Sudanese students.
- Coordinating the establishment of, and subsequently managing an aflatoxin biocontrol research laboratory and a research-scale manufacturing facility in partnership with public and private project partners.
- Preparing and supervising annual work plan and budgets for the project, and monitoring implementation of activities of partners and sub-grantees in Sudan.
- Liaise with project partners, including students, for meeting their annual targets and deliverables.

- Raising awareness on aflatoxin contamination and engaging in advocacy for mycotoxin management, and training stakeholders in integrated management options.
- Organize project advisory board meetings and all other stakeholder meetings.
- Fostering partnerships with national agriculture research and extension systems, private sector enterprises, other related projects and advanced research institutes.
- Assisting in the supervision of MSc and PhD students, and locally recruited project staff.
- Streamlining activities with other aflatoxin-related or similar projects with all other countries in Africa where Aflasafe development is in progress or may begin in future.
- Preparing and submitting reports to the Project Manager in a timely manner to satisfy donor-reporting responsibilities.
- Preparing grant proposals for supporting research on aflatoxin biocontrol and other research on mycotoxins in Sudan.
- Assisting to publish and communicate research results in peer-reviewed journals, books, workshops and conferences.
- Perform any other job-related tasks specified by the Project Manager.

### **Educational Qualifications**

The candidate should have a minimum of BSc degree in food science, plant pathology or food safety. MBA degree is an added advantage.

### **Core Competencies**

- Relevant work experience in project management of at least 7 years, in an international, multicultural organization or company.
- Must be based in Sudan.
- Experience in food safety.
- Experience in working in a private sector organization.
- Proven experience in working at the interface of public and private sector.
- Experience in chemical and microbiological assessment of food safety parameters is desirable.
- Demonstrated ability to set up new laboratories and infrastructure.
- Experience in food safety analysis.
- Ability to manage and maintain good relationship with stakeholders in Sudan.
- Be a good team player.
- Ability to work under different conditions.
- Highly self-motivated, detail-oriented, and innovative.
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both written and oral.
- Ability to create and sustain a coalition of partners.
- Fluency in Arabic language is essential.

**Duty Station:** Khartoum, Sudan

**General information:** The contract will be for an initial period of three 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:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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*While all applications will be acknowledged, please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.*