



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN UGANDA (DINU)



Position: Value Chain Specialist

Under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU), a Government of Uganda programme supported by the European Union (EU) and supervised by Office of the Prime Minister, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has received a grant to implement an action, Building resilience to enhance food and nutrition security, incomes and health in Northern Uganda.

The three-year grant action will be implemented by a consortium of partners in seven districts of Amolatar, Apac, Dokolo, Otuke and Kwanja in Lango sub-region, and Kapelebyong and Amuria in Teso sub-region.

IITA is one of the 15 Institutes of the CGIAR global research partnerships with headquarters in Ibadan Nigeria, and permanent offices in Namulonge and Kampala Uganda. IITA is a not-for-profit International Research organization, whose focus is on Agricultural Research for Development, and is governed by a Board of Trustees.

IITA Uganda is seeking to recruit a qualified person to fill the vacancy of Value chain specialist for the DINU Project. The successful candidate will be based in Lira City – Lango sub region working in all the seven project districts. The position will be for an initial period of two years renewable subject to availability of funds, a successful probation period and high performance throughout the implementation of the project.

Primary Duties

- Develop and promote local seed systems for multiplication and adoption of quality improved drought-disease tolerant crop varieties for high yield, income and nutrients.
- Train seed producer groups in internal mobilization of resources for procurement of agricultural inputs including foundation seed, seed production, and marketing
- Link seed producer groups to research institutions, certified crops breeders for supply of foundation seed for production of QDS
- Train of youth and women groups on post-harvest handling, quality and standards of cassava products.
- Design and train farmer producer groups using GALs approach to address gender specific issues along agricultural value chains and under the three project result areas
- Foster linkages between smallholder farmers, agro-processors and market system actors
- Identify, assess and establish potential private public partnerships that enhance crop productivity and market linkages
- Provide technical guidance and capacity building on business development services to farmers and partners.



- Identify business opportunities and alliances with business model potential for input and output marketing
- Lead the development of business strategies and action plans for agriculture commercialization in the regions

Other duties

- Work with the market team to promote marketing of nutritious products produced by farmers
- Support the monitoring of business-related activities and partnerships
- Any other duties as may be assigned by supervisor

Position Requirements:

- Msc in agriculture, business studies, Agriculture development, or related fields with ≥ 5 years of experience working with value chain or business development projects using the value chain or market approach.
- Robust experience in Local Seed System Business Development
- Experience in gender mainstreaming in agriculture and livelihoods interventions through GALs approach
- Experience in development of business plans for financing and working with the private sector to build and sustain mutually beneficial market linkages
- Experience in conducting value chain assessments and determining appropriate interventions to enhance agricultural productivity and market access for the rural poor.
- Experience in developing plans aimed at upgrading agricultural value chains through enhanced private sector engagement.
- A strong ability to work within a team under minimum supervision and deliver results.
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multi-cultural environment

Skills Required:

- Excellent networking and communication skills in English and local language
- demonstrate use of efficient post-harvest handling, processing equipment and technologies for cassava
- Proven training and coordination skills, with the capacity to coordinate teams operating in remote locations.
- Computer proficiency including MS Office (Word/ PowerPoint, advance excel skills and SPSS)
- Ability to complete multiple tasks under pressure and meet deadlines
- Past working experience in northern Uganda – Lango area is an added advantage.

Applications; which must include covering letter, curriculum vitae, academic certificates, names and addresses of three referees should be addressed to: The Country Representative, IITA – Uganda. P.O. Box 7878, Kampala. If interested, you may visit www.iita.org for further detail.

Please indicate position applied for on in the subject line of the emails.

Deadline for Application: 25th June 2021

