

Program Officer

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Job Title: Program Officer
Job Type: Contract
Reports to Programs Lead and M&E Lead
Closing Date: Open until filled

Overview: The Program Officer position is for practitioners with a passion for agriculture, focused and, interested in getting to be exposed to a variety of projects in the sector. There are opportunities to work with clients across the public, private and social sector and across multiple value chains to make a tangible impact to the agriculture and nutrition sector in Africa.

Technical Focus: Support the implementation of the ALDDN project for sustainable livestock development including the establishment of farmers' organization, support infrastructural development at the various dairy communities selected for this intervention, participate and coordinate in the animal health service provision, genetic improvement of local breed of cattle in the smallholder dairy households selected, and development of animal nutrition and forage production. The candidate will support the various Leads in the development of capacity building sessions for livestock beneficiaries through trainings and brochure delivery, institutional capacity development of service providers, value chain actors as well as other stakeholders. Engage with private sector (implementing) partners in implementing project activities as well as addressing challenges from Advancing Local Dairy Development Program implementation.

Duties and Responsibilities: Under the general supervision of the Programs Lead and M&E Lead, the Program Officer will contribute to activities related to all the components of the ALDDN program.

Summary of key responsibilities

1. Project implementation and monitoring
2. Team engagement
3. Technical capacity, development, and monitoring
4. Assurance of high-quality knowledge and coordination with key stakeholders
5. Promotion of strategic partnerships
6. Public, private, and non-profit sector liaison and co-ordination
7. Reporting

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Implementation of project activities and support of project team members

- i. Engage with the ALDDN project team and the processors, state government, implementing partners and community beneficiaries to deliver on project goals

- ii. Actively implement training and project interventions and provide technical guidance and administrative support to project team and other partners
- iii. Facilitate and organize meetings and events regarding project activities including meeting with implementing partners, state governments, potential partners, beneficiaries, and media stations
- iv. Develop a proper archiving system of reporting

2. Monitoring of project activities and expected results

- i. Prepare weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly progress report by collating required information/inputs
- ii. Monitor the projects indicators, targets, assumptions, assess the risks, and propose revisions in the action plan when needed.
- iii. Submit time sheets to the ALDDN Accounts and Admin office as required

3. Coordination of project resources

- i. Coordinate resources (workforce, time, and inputs) as planned, based on timelines, and schedules
- ii. Use of project budget appropriately for the intended purpose
- iii. Avoid abuse and ensure the efficient use of all project assets including but not limited to vehicles, mobile phones, tablets, and projectors
- iv. Mobilize all members of the workforce at the required time to ensure results are achieved
- v. Submit operational float reconciliation to the ALDDN Accounts and Admin office as required

4. Functional Competencies

- i. Knowledge of project cycle management
- ii. Demonstrate strong management and coordination skills
- iii. Promote teamwork and building team consensus
- iv. Demonstrate high sense of integrity and excellence
- v. Build a strong relationship with implementing partners, clients focused on impacts and results
- vi. Leadership skills- openness to change and ability to manage complexity

5. Operational Effectiveness

- i. Ability to implement strategic planning, results-based management, and reporting
- ii. Ability to lead formation, implementation, M&E of projects
- iii. Ability to manage budgets
- iv. Ability to manage results

Other duties as assigned and agreed upon by the National Team Leader (NTL)

Expected Results

The key results have an impact on the overall performance of ALDDN program and success in the implementation of the project strategies. This will be achieved through:

1. Efficient management of the project

2. A coordinated and well-managed team (implementing partners, processors, community beneficiaries and others) and resources (financial, human and time)
3. Efficient technical supervision, capacity development and monitoring
4. Production of high-quality goods and services
5. Enhanced strategic partnerships and mobilization of resources
6. Constant engagement with state government, implementing partners and other key stakeholders including meetings
7. Timely and accurate reporting

**Candidate will be evaluated based on:
Minimum Qualifications & Requirements:**

- Bachelors' Degree in Animal Science, Animal Production, Agronomy and Extension or any other related fields
- Minimum of three-years' experience in livestock production, animal husbandry management, or any agriculture-related field experience,
- Working knowledge of English Language (both written and verbal).

Competences:

- Result focus and problem-solving skills
- Teamwork and building effective relationships
- Communication and knowledge sharing

Position based: Adamawa, Plateau, Kano, Jigawa and Kaduna with occasional travels across Nigeria

Method of Application: Qualified and interested applicants should forward their CVs to recruiting@sahelcp.com with **Program Officer and the specific state** as the subject of the mail. Due to a high volume of applicants, please understand that we are able to contact only those who meet the minimum qualifications.

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