

**Short-term Consultant –
Agricultural economics in Kenya
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The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a nonprofit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and regional offices around the globe. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs that contribute to realize the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. For more information on the World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: www.avrdc.org.

WorldVeg - Eastern and Southern Africa, located in Arusha, conducts vegetable research and training and provides information services for the benefit of its stakeholders in the horticultural sector in Africa. We are looking for an experienced short-term consultant for a research study in Kenya.

Key responsibilities:

The consultant will conduct a study on the adoption of improved mungbean varieties and associated good agricultural practices in five regions of the country. The study will use an expert elicitation approach to quantify adoption rates as well as collect secondary data on production, area, yield and average planting areas per farmers. The consultant will be responsible for the data collection and data management. At all stages of the work, the consultant will work closely with the WorldVeg team and national partners.

Deliverables:

1. A clean database of adoption of mungbean and associated good agricultural practices.
2. Detailed study report on the expert elicitation workshops.
3. A list of names and contacts of all interviewed mungbean experts.

The person:

Applicants must hold an MSc or PhD degree in agricultural economics or development studies with experience in both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Experience in the use of expert elicitation would be a significant advantage. The candidate must have the ability to do independent research. She/he must have strong communication skills in spoken and written English. The candidate must have excellent skills to contact people and organize meetings. Previous experience on a related topic would be a plus.

Terms of engagement:

The consultant is expected to work for a fixed period that will be agreed upon. The assignment is expected to begin on 20 January 2019. An attractive professional fee will be paid based on WorldVeg's consultant engagement policy. The consultant is not eligible for any other allowances or benefits. Withholding tax will be deducted. Travel expenses will be reimbursed based on actual expenses on the basis of travel claims supported by receipts. WorldVeg is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer.

How to apply:

Applicants should submit an application letter explaining their suitability for and interest in the work along with a curriculum vitae, and date of availability by e-mail to info-esa@worldveg.org with the title of the position and the position reference number in the heading before **20 December, 2018**. Only applications sent by e-mail and following these requirements will be considered. Only applications from short-listed candidates will be acknowledged.