

## **Short-term Consultant – Vegetable Seed Systems**

**Deadline for applications: 30 March 2020**

**This application is open for citizens of Mali only**

**Duration:** 6 months

**Location:** Bamako, Mali

### **Background**

World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a nonprofit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and regional offices around the globe. The Center conducts research, builds networks, and carries out training and promotion activities to raise awareness of the role of vegetables for improved health and global poverty alleviation. Vegetable breeding is a key aspect of the Center's research agenda. WorldVeg supports seed companies in Africa (and Asia) with gene bank accessions and improved breeding lines to develop well-adapted varieties with resistance to key biotic and abiotic constraints. Through vegetable breeding and capacity development, WorldVeg contributes to strengthening the emerging private seed sector in Africa.

WorldVeg currently seeks a **Short-term Consultant – Vegetable Seed Systems** to support the implementation of a project on vegetable seed sector development in Mali. In particular, the incumbent will contribute to a study assessing the potential for strengthening the vegetable seed sector in Mali and identify suitable supportive interventions, including through the potential of irrigation.

The incumbent will be based at WorldVeg's Regional Office for West and Central Africa – Dry Regions (WCA-D), located in Bamako, Mali and report to the Postdoctoral Scientist - Impact Evaluation with oversight responsibilities by the Regional Director of WCA-D.

### **The job**

The Short-term Consultant – Vegetable Seed Systems will have the following **key responsibilities**:

1. Contribute to a desk review of background documentation and studies on the vegetable seed sector in Mali, including a stakeholder mapping of its main actors

2. Support the organization and implementation of workshops with key stakeholders from the vegetable seed sector in Mali
3. Contribute to project activities, including key informant interviews and focus group discussions with key actors and visits of important sites for the vegetable seed sector in Mali
4. Contribute to the preparation of the project reports and outputs
5. Perform other duties assigned by the supervisor

**Position requirements:**

1. A Master's degree in Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Rural Sociology or related discipline
2. Some previous experience in collecting data through interviews
3. Good ability to communicate with various stakeholders
4. Some prior knowledge of seed sector and regulations in Mali and a strong interest in this topic
5. Excellent communication skills in French and basic communication skills in English
6. Ability to work in multidisciplinary teams in a multicultural and multinational environment

**Terms and Conditions**

The expected duration of the assignment is 6 months and the work is expected to begin in **April or May 2020**. An attractive professional fee will be paid based on WorldVeg's consultant engagement policy and the Consultant's qualifications and experience. The Consultant is not eligible for any other allowances or benefits.

**How to Apply?**

Applicants should submit an application letter explaining their suitability for and interest in the work along with a curriculum vitae, salary expectation, and date of availability by e-mail to [info-africa@worldveg.org](mailto:info-africa@worldveg.org). For further information please contact Marwan Benali, Postdoctoral Scientist – Impact Evaluation, at [marwan.benali@worldveg.org](mailto:marwan.benali@worldveg.org). For more information about the World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: <https://avrdc.org>. **Closing date to receive applications is 30 March 2020**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.