

World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a non-profit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and five regional offices around the globe. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs that contribute to realizing the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. For more information, please visit our website: www.worldveg.org.

WorldVeg seeks to employ a Scientist – Healthy Diets to strengthen the ability of the Center to provide evidence-based solutions for making vegetables more available, affordable, accessible, and desirable in lower-income countries. The role will focus on understanding and improving food environments and consumer behavior in a food system context. The incumbent will be based at one of the Center's offices in Arusha (Tanzania), Nairobi (Kenya), or Cotonou (Benin). The person will contribute to projects globally and report to the Flagship Program Leader – Healthy Diets.

Key job responsibilities:

1. Design and undertake qualitative and quantitative studies analyzing food environments and consumer behavior for vegetable-rich healthy diets in low- and middle-income countries and publish findings in peer-reviewed journals.
2. Design and coordinate evidence-based interventions in food environments and consumer behavior, including social behavior change communication and social marketing approaches.
3. Create strong partnerships with local and international research organizations and work with in-country stakeholders to ensure continuity and inclusiveness of research operations.
4. Contribute to project management and global fundraising efforts.
5. Provide guidance to colleagues and partners on issues of healthy diets, food systems and food environments, and consumer behavior.
6. Perform any other duties as required by the needs of the Center.

The Person: Candidates must have a recent PhD in Food Systems, Public Health Nutrition, Food Science & Nutrition, Development Studies, or a related discipline with a strong focus on applied behavioral research and thorough knowledge of nutrition and health. The candidate should have demonstrated experience and interest in mixed-methods research on food system issues concerning diets, including academic publications. She/he must have strong communication skills in spoken and written English; knowledge of French will be an advantage. The candidate must be able to work with multidisciplinary teams in a multicultural and multinational environment and be willing to travel regularly.

The Reward: This is an Internationally Recruited Staff (IRS) position with competitive pay and benefits. The initial appointment is for three years and may be extended depending on the performance of the incumbent and the availability of resources. The position will be available on 1 October 2025.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit 1) a letter of application explaining their suitability for and interest in the position, 2) a *curriculum vitae* including publications, 3) names and addresses (including telephone and e-mail) of three referees, and 4) date of availability, to human.resources@worldveg.org before 15 June 2025 or until a suitable candidate is found. Please send your application package in one PDF file and mention the position title in the subject line.