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 improved incomes and diets in the developing world through increased production and consumption of nutritious and health-promoting vegetables. For more information on World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: www.avrdc.org.

WorldVeg is seeking a Project Team Leader to lead the vegetable research, training and extension activities of the JOHAR project in the state of Jharkhand, India. Increasing incomes from vegetables will play a major role in the 5 year JOHAR comprehensive rural development project funded by the World Bank. The vegetable activities will focus on improving seed and seedling systems, promoting good agricultural practices and improving postharvest handling and marketing. This is a nationally recruited position that will work closely with the other WorldVeg projects and will have strong support from the research team at WorldVeg regional headquarters in Hyderabad, India.

Responsibilities:
1. Provide leadership in coordinating on-farm demonstrations of improved varieties and seedling production systems, good agricultural practices, integrated pest management and postharvest management in close coordination with state institutions.
2. Lead a team of eight people including a senior scientist, two Scientific officers, a finance officer and four field officers serving districts across Jharkhand to implement on-farm trials, run training programs and to scale up innovations across the state.
3. Organize and coordinate training programs to strengthen the capacity of local partners in carrying out research and extension activities for vegetable growers.
4. Establish and maintain good communication links between the JOHAR project management team, WorldVeg regional headquarters and other project partners to ensure effective field implementation of improved vegetable cultivation practices.
5. Develop extension training materials, regular seasonal progress reports, annual workplans, financial reports and presentations as needed by project stakeholders.

Competencies:
- Proven experience in effectively leading project teams, and working closely with public and private sector partners to implement vegetable research and development projects.
- Extensive experience in running training and extension programs for farmers.
- Extensive experience in commercial vegetable research and extension work.
- Keen analytical skills and the ability to conduct, monitor and evaluate experimental trials.
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Hindi (knowledge of regional languages would be an advantage) and an excellent team player.
- Proficiency in computational skills for data, statistical analysis, documentation and presentation.
- Good knowledge and practical experience in managing on-farm and on-station trials.
- Energetic, entrepreneurial and enthusiastic personality with a passion to improve agricultural systems for the benefit of smallholder farmers.
Requirements:
- PhD degree in agriculture/horticulture with at least five years’ experience working in vegetable crops. However, a Master’s degree in horticulture and extensive practical experience in vegetable production systems would also be very favorably considered.

General:
The JOHAR project will run for five years, and this position is for one year, renewable annually based on performance and the continuing availability of funds. The position will be based in Ranchi, Jharkhand and an attractive compensation is offered for the right candidate.

How to Apply:
The application should include an up-to-date resume, a recent passport size photograph, names and addresses (including phone & e-mail) of three referees and the date of availability. Please send applications stating the job title clearly on the application/envelope, to Human Resources Services, ICRISAT, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh 502 324, or send applications by e-mail to WorldVeg-SA@cgiar.org by 15 November 2017. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply