

Scientific Officer (Onion Value Chain) Odisha, India

The 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 realize the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. For more information please visit our website: worldveg.org.

WorldVeg is seeking a **Scientific Officer-Research & Extension Services (Onion Value Chain)** to implement its onion value chain improvement program in the state of Odisha. The position is open for Indian nationals only.

Responsibilities:

Working under the guidance of the Onion Value Chain project leadership to implement project activities in the target locations, including:

- To ensure that all project activities are undertaken as agreed in the agreement and based on the Center's standards of operation and practice;
- Coordinate project activities with partner agencies, government departments, suppliers and farming communities and periodically report on project status, activities undertake and issues arising;
- Supervise and train other staff deployed under the project on all activities being undertaken. The candidate is expected to support and transfer knowledge and learning to farming communities, government departmental staff and partners engaged in project activities;
- Collect data, and maintain records of all activities undertaken under the project;
- Prepare periodic progress reports, technical papers, and presentations for meetings and annual reports as needed for donors, project beneficiaries, and team members;
- Develop training extension documents, materials and programs in coordination with project staff;
- To liaise with government, and other project agencies to ensure timely and effective implementation of project activities;
- To maintain effective and close liaison with the Center's Project manager and Center's support team in Hyderabad;
- Provide project administrative support such as procurement, payments and maintaining accounts in accordance to WorldVeg policies and regulations.

Competencies:

- Good working knowledge of onion cultivation and postharvest management in Odisha;
- Past association with NGO's, private sector and producer organizations active in onion production and post-harvest management would be beneficial;
- Demonstrated ability to work with teams, both from with the organization and involving external partners.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in Odia and English required;
- Proficiency in the use of various software application (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc.).

Qualifications and experience: Master's degree in Horticulture/Agriculture and at least 4 years' working experiences on vegetable production and postharvest handling, particularly in onions.

General: The position is for one year, renewable on an annual basis for up to four years depending on performance and the project's continuing need for the position. 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@cqiar.org by 25 October, 2019. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply