The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is an international non-profit institute for vegetable research and development. Founded in 1971 with headquarters in Taiwan, the Center’s global network today covers East and Southeast Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Central Asia. The Center mobilizes resources from the public and private sector to realize the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. WorldVeg’s improved varieties, production and postharvest methods help farmers increase vegetable harvests, raise incomes in poor rural and urban households, create jobs, and provide healthier, more nutritious diets for families and communities. For more information, please visit our website: worldveg.org

WorldVeg is seeking applications for the post of Junior Breeder - Pepper to work in collaboration with breeders and pathologists to strengthen the WorldVeg global pepper breeding program. This position will be based at WorldVeg’s South and Central Asia Regional Office in ICRISAT-Patancheru, Hyderabad and is open for Indian nationals only.

Responsibilities:

- Plan and lead field screening experiments and perform breeding in pepper in collaboration with WorldVeg breeders, pathologists, virologists and other team members and collaboration partners;
- Manage field experiments, design crossing blocks, collect data, analyze and interpret experimental data;
- Contribute to proposal development and project management focusing on pepper in South Asia;
- Contribute to the ongoing global WorldVeg pepper breeding activities;
- Interact with collaboration partners to organize germplasm exchange, multi-location trials and training activities;
- Write mid-term and final project reports in English and contribute to manuscripts for publication in SCI journals;
- Keep up to date with new developments in Capsicum breeding, genetics, abiotic, and biotic stress tolerance.

Qualifications and experience:

- MSc or PhD in Plant Breeding or a related field with a good academic record;
- Experience in field screening of germplasm for disease resistance and agronomic traits;
- Sound knowledge of experimental designs and statistical analysis;
- Excellent communication and computer skills, with fluency in written and spoken English, and ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.

General: The position will be initially for one year with the possibility of extension depending upon work performance, and funding availability. An attractive all-inclusive lump sum compensation will be offered with medical and accidental insurance coverage.

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 18 February 2020. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply