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’s postharvest program is an integral part of its work in the whole vegetable value chain to minimize losses, enhance quality, and increase the availability and affordability of vegetables. WorldVeg is seeking a Postharvest Specialist to strengthen the postharvest activities in South Asia. The position will be based at WorldVeg’s South and Central Asia Regional Office located in ICRISAT-Patancheru, Hyderabad, and is open for Indian nationals only.

Responsibilities:

• Assist in the establishment, use and upkeep of the postharvest research and demonstration facilities, conduct and manage fresh produce handling and processing researches.
• Assist in breeding and production research for postharvest traits and in value chain and impact studies.
• Contribute to outreach and capacity building programs.
• Assist in monitoring and evaluation of project activities.
• Contribute to the development of new project proposals and other initiatives.
• Publish research and review papers in refereed journals and reviewed conference proceedings.
• Provide activity and progress reports and support services to official activities.
• Collaborate with other researchers within the organization and other advanced research institutes and universities.
• Perform any other duties as required by the needs of the Center and as directed by the supervisor.

Qualifications and Experience:

• Ph.D. in Postharvest Technology, Horticulture or Agriculture (major in postharvest technology), Food Science (vegetables or fruit) or Agricultural Engineering (postharvest engineering);
• Highly skilled in the use of statistical analysis software programs;
• Three to five years' extensive experience in agricultural development project management;
• Sound knowledge of scientific writing and demonstrated ability to write successful project proposals;
• Demonstrated project management skills;
• Good analytical and technical skills to plan, implement, analyze, and communicate research findings;
• Demonstrated ability to deliver outputs on time and accurately with minimum supervision;
• Significant research publication record;
• Willingness to work both in the field and the laboratory is essential; and
• Excellent communication and computer skills, with fluency in written and spoken English and ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.

General:
The initial appointment is for two years and may be extended depending on requirement, funding availability, and performance of the incumbent. An attractive compensation and benefits will be offered to 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 30 April 2020. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply.