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 a **Scientific Officer - Research and Extension Services** to implement activities of ‘Livelihood development through Vegetable Cultivation and Value Addition (OLM)’ project in Odisha. The position will be based at one of the three districts- Rayagada or Nabarangpur or Koraput in Odisha. The Scientific Officer will work closely with the research team at WorldVeg’s Regional Office for South and Central Asia in Hyderabad, India. This is a nationally recruited position open for Indian nationals only.

**Responsibilities:**
With the guidance of the OLM project leader, implement project activities in the target locations as below:

- Ensure all project activities are undertaken as agreed in the agreement and based on WorldVeg’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 undertaken and issues arising.
- Supervise and train other staff deployed under the project on all activities being undertaken.
- Facilitate and enable transfer of 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.
- Liaise with government, and other project agencies to ensure timely and effective implementation of project activities.
- Provide project administrative support such as procurement, payments and maintaining accounts in accordance to WorldVeg policies and regulations.

**Competencies:**
- Good working knowledge of vegetable cultivation and postharvest management.
- Past association with NGO’s, private sector and producer organizations active in vegetable production and post-harvest management would be beneficial.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in teams, and with external partners.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in Odia and English required.

**Qualification and Experience:** Master’s degree in Horticulture/Agriculture and at least 2-3 years’ experience in working on vegetable production and postharvest activities.

**General:** The initial appointment is for one year 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, Telangana 502 324, or send applications by e-mail to WorldVeg-SA@cgiar.org by 30 June, 2020. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

*WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply*