WorldVeg seeks to hire a Research Officer I – Crop Protection to assist in developing and implementing pest and diseases management strategies for safer vegetable production in the projects implemented by WorldVeg in Ethiopia.

WorldVeg operations in Ethiopia is hosted by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). The position will be based at WorldVeg Ethiopia country office in ILRI's Addis Ababa campus.

The Job:
The Research Officer will have the following key responsibilities:
- Assist in designing experiments and implementing pest and disease management strategies as well as good agricultural practices for safe vegetable production;
- Develop experimental data collection protocols for evaluating different diseases and pests of various vegetable crops, collects data and prepares experiment reports;
- Contribute in the identification and characterization of existing and emerging diseases and pests of vegetable crops;
- Provide training and technical guidance to field officers of private and public project partners in the integrated pest management strategies;
- Collaborate and coordinate with other research assistants in safe vegetable production and good agricultural practices in vegetables;
- Contribute in reporting the project activities, and publications;
- Perform any other duties assigned by the supervisor.

Position requirements:
- Master's degree in crop protection or plant pathology/entomology;
- Minimum of three years of post-graduate experience in plant protection research and development programs;
- Proven experience in good agricultural practices (integrated pest management, protected cultivation, vegetable grafting, etc.);
- Proven experience in conducting on-station and on-farm trials to pilot IPM and GAP practices, good knowledge and management of experimental designs and data analysis;
- Experience in diagnosis and identification of vegetables diseases and pests;
- Proven experience in training of field workers;
- Knowledge of major insect pests and diseases of vegetable crops and their management practices;
- Excellent computer skills in document, data and presentation management;
- Team player with excellent communication skills in spoken and written English;
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to interact with partners and colleagues in a multi-cultural setting.

The Reward:
This is a Nationally Recruited Staff (NRS) position. Initial appointment is for one year with the possibility of renewal, contingent upon individual performance and the availability of funding. WorldVeg offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and benefits. The position is in level HG 13 of ILRI's national staff grading system. WorldVeg is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence.

How to apply:
Applicants should provide a cover letter, a detailed curriculum vitae including names and addresses (including telephone and email) of three referees and a letter providing a point-by-point response to the essential and desirable person specifications. The position and reference number: CRP/03/21 should be clearly indicated in the subject line of the cover letter. All applications to be submitted online on our recruitment portal: [http://ilri.simplicant.com/](http://ilri.simplicant.com/) on or before 10 February 2021.