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 an Agronomist to provide technical advisory services and team support for the vegetable activities of the APART project in Assam, India. This is a comprehensive development project of the Government of Assam, funded by the World Bank, and involving national and international partners including World Vegetable Center. The vegetable research and development activities will involve improving the quality and availability of seeds and seedlings, promoting climate resilient production systems and safe and hygienic production. This will be done in close collaboration with Assam government and university partners. This is a nationally recruited position open for Indian nationals only. The position will be based in Guwahati, Assam and will work closely with the research team at WorldVeg regional headquarters in Hyderabad, India.

Responsibilities:

- While reporting to the Resident Consultant, provide technical advice and support to WorldVeg technical officers based in the districts in Assam.
- Assist technical officers in implementing on-farm demonstrations of improved varieties and seedling production systems, good agricultural practices and integrated pest management in close coordination with WorldVeg researchers, international partners and state institutions.
- Provide scientific solutions to technical officers to address vegetable farmers' management problems, and seek out additional national and international expertise and inputs where needed.
- Incorporate key technical input into training programs to strengthen the capacity of local partners to help vegetable farmers overcome practical management problems and to scale up innovative practices.
- Contribute to writing training materials, technical progress reports and annual reviews and work plans as directed by the Resident Consultant and Project Leader in Taiwan.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Ph.D. in agriculture/horticulture or extension with at least 10 years' extensive experience working in vegetable, pulses and climate resilient agriculture crop production systems.
- Extensive experience in commercial vegetable research and extension work with a good knowledge of improved production management practices.
- Experience working effectively in teams and a proven ability to help improve farmers' management practices.
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to implement, monitor and evaluate varietal trials and integrated pest management trials.
- Extensive experience in conducting training programs and developing training materials.
- Significant agricultural research and/or development publication record.
- Excellent communication and computer skills, with fluency in written and spoken English and Assamese 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, Telangana 502 324, or send applications by e-mail to WorldVeg-SA@cgiar.org by 20 February, 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply