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 Project Team Leader and Trainer to lead the vegetable research, training and extension activities of the JOHAR project in the state of Jharkhand, India. Increasing incomes from vegetables will play a major role in the JOHAR comprehensive rural development project funded by the World Bank. The vegetable activities will focus on improving seed and seedling systems, promoting good agricultural practices and improving postharvest handling and marketing. This is a nationally recruited position that will work closely with the research team at WorldVeg regional headquarters in Hyderabad, India.

Responsibilities:
1. Provide leadership in coordinating the implementation on-farm vegetable demonstrations of improved varieties and seedling production systems, good agricultural practices, integrated pest management and postharvest management. Lead the project team of Agronomist, Scientific Officer, Finance Officer, and Technical Officers to implement on-farm trials, run training programs and to scale up innovations in vegetable production.
2. Organize and implement training programs to strengthen the capacity of local partners in carrying out research and extension activities for vegetable growers.
3. Establish and maintain effective relationships and communication links with the JOHAR management team, WorldVeg regional headquarters and other project partners to ensure implementation of improved vegetable cultivation practices in the field.
4. Develop extension training materials, prepare project progress reports, annual/seasonal workplans, financial reports and presentations as needed by project stakeholders. Attend the donor meetings as and when required.

Competencies:
- Proven experience in effectively leading teams, and working closely with public and private sector partners to implement vegetable research and development projects.
- Extensive experience in conducting training and extension programs for farmers.
- Extensive experience in commercial vegetable research and extension work.
- Excellent analytical skills and the ability to conduct, monitor, analyze and evaluate experimental trials and communicate results.
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Hindi (knowledge of regional languages would be an advantage) and an excellent team player.
- Proficiency in the use of various software applications (MS Word, MS Excel) and good knowledge and practical experience in managing on-farm and on-station trials.
- Energetic, entrepreneurial and enthusiastic personality with an urge to improve agricultural systems for the benefit of smallholder farmers.

Qualification and Experience: Masters/Ph.D in Horticulture/Agriculture with at least 15-20 years’ experience in coordinating and implementing sustainable Horticulture programs, preferably vegetable crops.

General: This appointment is initially for one year, renewable annually depending on requirement, performance of the incumbent and funding availability. The position will be based in Ranchi, Jharkhand with an attractive compensation.

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 on or before 13 October, 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly encourage women candidates to apply