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

Responsibilities:
Under the guidance of the scientific officer/project manager implement the various project activities in the target locations as below.
• Coordinate all field activities in the assigned district relating to project activities.
• Provide technical assistance and supervisory support to farming communities engaged with the implementation of project activities.
• Conduct field trials, pilot and demonstration activities in the assigned district.
• Collect data, and maintain records of all activities undertaken under the project.
• Prepare inputs for technical and project reports as requested by the Scientific Officer/Project Manager.
• Organize and coordinate trainings for farming communities and local partner agencies.
• Assist in developing training extension documents, materials and programs in coordination with project team members.
• Assist in the preparation of periodic progress reports, technical papers, and presentations for meetings and annual reports as needed for donors, project beneficiaries, and team members.

Competencies:
• Good working knowledge of vegetable cultivation and postharvest management.
• Strong written and verbal communication skills in Odia and English;
• Proficiency in the use of various software applications for data analysis, preparation of documents and presentations; experience in handling variety evaluation trials;
• Ability to work effectively in teams

Qualification and Experience:
Degree/Diploma in Agriculture/Horticulture and at least 1-2 years of work experience. Experience in vegetable production and postharvest activities will be an advantage.

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 15 November, 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply