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 applications for the post of Scientific Officer to conduct vegetable research 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. This position is open for Indian nationals only.

Responsibilities:

To work under the guidance of the Team leader and Trainer leading the JOHAR project to implement project activities in the target locations, including:

- Provide scientific inputs to all WorldVeg research work in support of its field activities
- Design and supervise the conduct of field trials and demonstrations across both states to promote good agricultural practices;
- Collect data, conduct analyses and maintain records of all project research activities;
- Produce periodic progress reports, technical papers and presentations needed by donors, project beneficiaries, WorldVeg management and team members;
- Organize and provide technical inputs in training programs for farmers and partner agencies;

Competencies:

- Good working knowledge of agriculture practices, especially in the cultivation of locally grown vegetable;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in English and Hindi;
- Good computational and word processing skills and skills in handling variety evaluation trials;
- Strong team player and willing to work as part of an extended team comprising several agencies.

Qualification and Experience:  M Sc with specialization in Agronomy/Horticulture/Plant Pathology from a recognized university/Institute and at least 8 to 10 years’ working experience in projects related to vegetables.

General:  The initial appointment is for one year, renewable on an annual basis depending on performance and the project’s continuing need for the position. An attractive compensation is offered for the right candidates.

How to Apply:  The application should include an up-to-date resume with covering letter, 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 31 December, 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

WorldVeg strongly welcome women candidates to apply.