The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a non-profit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and five regional offices around the globe. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs that contribute to realize the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. For more information, please visit our website: http://avrdc.org/

Fruit and Vegetables for Sustainable Healthy Diets (FRESH) is an initiative of the One CGIAR that uses an end-to-end approach to address fruit and vegetable demand, food environments and supply issues simultaneously and in a coordinated fashion. The initiative involves research on consumer behavior, food environments, markets, production systems, and genetic diversity and improvement. FRESH is a partnership between the One CGIAR and World Vegetable Center, also involving several other international and local partners. Benin, Tanzania, Sri Lanka and Philippines are FRESH target countries during the first 3-year period of the initiative.

WorldVeg is seeking an experienced individual to coordinate FRESH operations of all project partners in Benin and contribute to capacity strengthening of local stakeholders. This is a nationally-recruited Mid-career/Senior position that will be based at WorldVeg’s Regional Center for West and Central Africa in Cotonou, Benin and report to the Regional Director.

Key job responsibilities:

- Build a strong initiative team by encouraging effective teamwork and team spirit
- Coordinate and stimulate collaboration across work packages in FRESH and create synergies between them
- Facilitate positive, mutually beneficial engagements with a variety of stakeholders, including the FRESH In-country Stakeholder Group
- Organize and facilitate policy and capacity building workshops
- Support in-country FRESH activities (e.g., field visits, evaluations, capacity sharing activities) and organize and support in-country visits of FRESH team members
- Coordinate and stimulate collaborations with other One CGIAR and WorldVeg initiatives operating in Benin
- Communicate FRESH research to local stakeholders through various media
- Write scientific background reports to inform FRESH about key issues of relevance
- Contribute to deliverables/outputs as designated per the FRESH annual workplan
- Undertake any other duties as required by FRESH and needs of the Center and as reviewed from time to time by the Regional Director
The Person:
Required:
• A national of Benin or person with permanent residence status in Benin
• Minimally a MA, MSc degree
• At least five years of demonstrated experience at a managerial position
• Strong affinity for the mission of WorldVeg and goals of FRESH
• Strong communication skills in spoken and written French and English
Desired experience:
• A good understanding of policy decision processes in Benin, ideally based on practical experience working for or with the government
• Excellent and up-to-date network of contacts of public and private sector actors in the fruit and vegetable sector in Benin, including in the area of public health and nutrition.
• Good proficiency and practical experience of research approaches in either nutrition and/or the fruit and vegetable sector
• Ability to communicate across multiple cultural contexts and across scientific disciplines
• Excellent organizational skills
• Skilled in using Microsoft Office tools
• Experience working on large, complex development programs as part of multidisciplinary team

The Reward:
This is a Nationally Recruited Staff position with competitive pay and benefits. The appointment is for three years, renewable conditional on the availability of project funding and priorities set by the project. The expected starting date for the position is 1 October 2022.

How to Apply:
Applicants should submit in English:
• A letter of application explaining their suitability for and interest in the position
• A curriculum vitae
• A copy of the highest academic certificate
• Names and addresses (including telephone/e-mail) of three referees, and date of availability

Applications should be submitted as a single Pdf file by email to recruitment.wca-ch@worldveg.org indicating “FRESH Country Coordinator – Benin” in the subject line. The deadline for application is 31 July 2022. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for in-person interviews in August 2022.