

Country Support Officer

Official Position Title: Project Development Officer, Backstop 94, FSL-0343-03

Functional Title: Country Support Officer

Location of Position: U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security, Country Strategy and Implementation Office, Africa Division

Position Grade: FSL-03

Salary Range: US\$84,095 - US\$123,497

Position Closing Date: December 27, 2016, 11:59 PM, EST

Description of the Bureau: The USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) leads coordination and implementation of Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. BFS brings together programmatic, technical, and regional expertise from throughout USAID to assist 19 Feed the Future focus countries and additional aligned countries and regional programs with strategic design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. BFS coordinates Feed the Future's 10 additional U.S. Government partner agencies and departments, most recently on development and implementation of the new U.S. Government [Global Food Security Strategy](#). This strategy, delivered to Congress as a requirement of the Global Food Security Act of 2016, charts how U.S. Government partners will support developing countries over the next five years to achieve lasting progress in food security and nutrition.

Description of Office or Team: The Country Strategy and Implementation Office (BFS/CSI), in coordination with Regional and Pillar Bureaus, provides leadership on country strategic planning related to Feed the Future. In addition, the Office oversees Feed the Future country program implementation and provides technical support to the field. BFS/CSI also oversees the design and implementation of region-wide food security agendas and strategies. BFS/CSI is the Bureau's central point of contact on food security technical issues and manages consultations with partners and stakeholders on Feed the Future country programs. The Office is composed of three Divisions—two which are geographic, and one which provides technical support on cross-cutting issues. The Africa Division, in coordination with the other divisions, provides support to Bureaus, USAID Missions and focus countries in the design and implementation of food security programs in Africa.

Description of Position: This Country Strategy Officer will serve as the primary technical liaison between BFS and USAID Missions in the field. The Country Strategy Officer will provide technical assistance, analysis, and intellectual leadership for efforts that promote food security objectives in Feed the Future countries in Africa. The Country Strategy Officer will report to the Africa Division Chief (or team lead designee) in the Country Strategy and Implementation Office of BFS.

Description of Key Duties: This Country Strategy Officer will provide technical assistance and guidance to USAID Missions in Africa on the implementation of food security programs and activities in Africa, including regular travel to countries of responsibility. These duties include

project planning, implementation and management as well as regular communication and coordination within BFS, other USAID Bureaus, and USAID Missions in the field.

Qualifications Required: The position requires qualifying specialized experience in food security for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural programs in developing country settings and in-depth knowledge of the food security issues for one or more African countries, including (1) Mastery knowledge of advanced concepts, principles and practices of agricultural growth in developing country settings, including those related to climate change, gender, policy issues, trade, engaging the private sector, and nutrition; (2) Mastery knowledge of advanced concepts, principles and practices of working with USAID Missions abroad and other government agencies to promote food security issues; (3) Technical and practical knowledge and experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural programs in developing country settings through both in-person and remote support; (4) Mastery knowledge of international development in smallholder farmer settings, skill in managing projects involving agricultural development in less developed countries, and experience working with implementing partners, host country counterparts, and/or private sector players in the agri-food system; (5) Knowledge of USAID and USG processes in designing and implementing agricultural development programs and skill in communicating the role of USAID efforts in food security to both internal and external audiences; and (6) Excellent communication skills to convey complex information regarding food security issues to multi-cultural, non-technical and technical audiences with diverse views.

Eligibility: Only U.S. Citizens may apply.

Veteran's Preference: BFS will consider veteran's preference eligibility as a positive factor in making FSL selections. Applicants eligible for veteran's preference must include that information in their cover letter and should attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions.

Application Instructions: Please send detailed CV, cover letter and any supporting documentation to bfsjobs@usaid.gov with the position's official and functional titles in the e-mail subject line, by the position closing date listed above.

In your cover letter, please also:

1. indicate your U.S. citizenship status
2. indicate your veteran's status, if any, and
3. include contact information (name, title, e-mail and telephone) for three references, one of which must be a current or former supervisor.

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