

## Country Support Officer

**Official Position Title:** Agricultural Development Officer, Backstop 94, FSL-0343-02

**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-02

**Salary Range:** US\$103,783 - US\$152,409

**Position Closing Date:** Dec 19, 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 FTF. In addition, the Office oversees FTF country program implementation and provides technical support to the field. BFS/CSI also oversees 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 FTF 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 with BFS and USAID Missions in the field. The Country Strategy Officer will provide technical assistance, analysis, and intellectual leadership for efforts to 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 leadership to Feed the Future programs in Africa in program implementation, program management and strategic planning, assistance to field-based Missions, and representation of the US Government in international settings.

**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 in order to convey complex information regarding food security issues to multi-cultural, non-technical and technical audiences with diverse views.

**Application Instructions:** Please send detailed CV and cover letter to [bfsjobs@usaid.gov](mailto:bfsjobs@usaid.gov) with the position's title in the subject line, by position closing date listed above.

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