

## Senior Risk Advisor

**Official Position Title:** Agricultural Development Officer, Backstop 10, FSL-0401-02

**Functional Title:** Senior Risk Advisor

**Location of Position:** U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security, Office of Market and Partnership Innovations, Inclusive Markets Division

**Position Grade:** FSL-02

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

**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 Market and Partnership Innovations Office (BFS/MPI) strives to reduce poverty, fight hunger and improve nutrition by increasing the productivity and profitability of smallholder farmers around the world through a diverse portfolio that combines market-led innovation and dissemination of technology; partnerships and private sector engagement; and activities that enable and accelerate private investment, improve access to finance and enhance risk management. The Inclusive Market Development Division (BFS/MPI/IMD), one of two divisions in the office, promotes an enabling environment for growth, facilitates private sector investment, and fosters innovation in market-led approaches to catalyze and accelerate agricultural development and improved nutrition.

**Description of Position:** The Senior Risk Advisor will advance inclusive agricultural market development with a particular emphasis on tools and approaches for integrating agricultural risk management. S/he will provide expert technical assistance on agricultural risk management topics to the Bureau for Food Security and Feed the Future Missions and serve as a technical point of contact for agricultural risk management among other donors and partners, including with the private sector. This position will be part of the Inclusive Markets Division of BFS/MPI and the incumbent will report directly to the Division Chief.

**Description of Key Duties:** Major duties will include project design and management, include providing technical, analytical, administrative and/or managerial support for all stages of the project cycle. In addition, the incumbent will provide technical leadership and support in the areas of risk mitigation, agricultural insurance, resilience, and innovative finance programs to

USAID's operating units across the Agency and in the various Missions that have Feed the Future activities. S/he will serve as an expert advisor and technical authority on complex and precedent-setting policy and program issues, including risk mitigation and management opportunities in developing countries and approaches that increase agricultural technology adoption. The incumbent will facilitate collaboration between partners and work collaboratively with representatives from a multitude of different institutions, including government, the private sector, and other donors.

**Qualifications Required:**

Educational requirement:

- A. **Degree:** biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position; OR
- B. **Combination of education and experience:** Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

This position requires specialized knowledge of and experience in risk management strategies and tools as it relates to agricultural development and resilience, with a particular focus on index insurance and other finance instruments. In addition, the incumbent should have advanced experience in managing and dissemination of the knowledge and best practices related to risk management and inclusive agriculture sector growth. As well, mastery of analytical skills that demonstrate an understanding of the current concepts, priorities, and issues in risk management in agricultural, food security, and resilience contexts is required.

The incumbent should also have experience as a proven communicator, motivator, and team player to enhance coordination efforts with USAID and U.S. interagency colleagues, other bilateral and multilateral agencies, academic organizations, and private sector actors. Preference for candidate with excellent communication skills in order to convey technically complex and controversial information 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](mailto: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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