

## **Senior Africa Country Support Officer**

**Official Position Title:** Program Officer, Backstop 02, FSL-0343-01

**Functional Title:** Senior Africa Country Support Officer

**Location of Position:** Country Strategy and Implementation Office / Africa Division

**Position Grade:** FS-01

**Salary Range:** US\$128,082 - US\$160,300

**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 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 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 Support Officer will serve as the senior Africa advisor for other Country Support Officers, BFS, USAID Missions, and other Feed the Future stakeholders. The Country Support 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 Support Officer will report to the Africa Division Chief in the Country Strategy and Implementation Office of BFS.

**Description of Key Duties:** This Country Support Officer will provide expert program leadership as a key BFS expert for Feed the Future in Africa, including program implementation, program management and strategic planning, assistance to field-based Missions, and

representation of the US Government in international settings. In addition, this Country Support Officer will serve as a team lead and supervise other Country Support Officers.

**Qualifications Required:** This Country Support Officer requires the following knowledge: (1) Qualifying specialized experience consists of experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural development and food security programs in developing country settings; (2) Technical and practical knowledge and experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural development and food security programs in developing country settings; (3) Mastery Knowledge of advanced concepts, principles and practices of the development, dissemination and adoption of climate smart agricultural technologies relevant for smallholder farmers particularly women in developing countries. (4) Mastery knowledge of business to apply a private sector lens to critical problems facing smallholder farmers; (5) Mastery Knowledge of the USAID and the USG decision-making process in establishing positions and policy for agriculture and food security projects, as well as principles and practices in agriculture and nutrition that promotes agricultural growth, improved nutrition, and resilience; and (6) Excellent communication skills in order to convey complex and controversial information 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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