

The Head of Recruiting
One Acre Fund
Nigeria

Dear Sir/Ma,

Application for the Position of Program Growth Specialist (Nigeria Impact Ventures Specialist)

My experience spans eight years of active work in the field of software development, digital agriculture, policy research, start-up operations, and product management. During this period, I have successfully spearheaded and collaborated with other experts in the development and deployment of digital products and solutions in these fields. I have also been actively involved in leading and collaborating with technical experts in formulating and implementing initiatives and programs on digital agriculture, intellectual property, food system, and agricultural development.

For instance, from 2015 to 2016, I consulted for Prunedge Development Technologies, a digital technology start-up in developing a learning management system, computer-based testing application, and school management platform for colleges and higher institutions which currently boasts 2M+ users and yearly revenue of ~\$250k+. In 2017, I worked on an open-source project with a team of experts consisting of a seed technologist, data scientist, machine learning engineer, and android developer in developing Phampod, a crop identification, and plant disease detection solution that can successfully identify 30+ varieties of different crops and 20+ named plant diseases using machine learning and computer vision.

Coming to the field of digital agriculture and seed systems, in 2020, I was nominated as the project officer for the IMAGE project, a multi-country partnership project funded by the BMGF and context global development where I currently serve as the monitoring and evaluation officer/data analyst for the project. In 2021, I was also nominated as a member of the country team for the Collaborative Seed Programme (CSP) under the Plant Variety Protection thematic topic. The CSP is the Nigeria Netherlands Seed Partnership (NNSP) funded by the Dutch Government where I was tasked with collaborating with project partners in developing programs and activities aimed at building the capacity of stakeholders and increasing public awareness and knowledge of PVP in which 20+ training have been conducted and 40+ online and offline digital campaign have been successfully organized. That same year, I was appointed as the head of the ICT unit of the PVP office in Nigeria. In this position, I am responsible for directing and overseeing the technical and administrative functions of the unit. As the unit head, I successfully led the development and deployment of the PVP website and application system in partnership with UPOV, Naktuinbouw, and Wageningen. I developed and coordinated the implementation of 10+ online and offline capacity-building and learning sessions for staff and stakeholders on digital literacy and digital agriculture. I led the development and deployment of the Global Seed Information Management Platform and other in-house experimental products that are being used internally by the office.

I currently serve as the desk officer for the SeedTracker platform, an end-to-end seed value chain platform developed under the BASICS project, and the SeedCodex platform, a turnkey digital solution for verifying the authenticity of seeds sold in the market. I have also served as an independent consultant in the capacity of a policy researcher with ARADS Konsult where I consulted for the firm in the development of guidelines and regulations for the PVP, seed import/export, and seed inspection in Nigeria under the Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa (PIATA) grant.

Overall, my brilliance in communication, stakeholders' management, experience working with government institutions and start-ups are unique skills I intend to bring to One Acre Fund. I strongly believe my experience will be valuable to the successful realization of the vision of One Acre Fund in improving the productivity and livelihood of smallholder farmers around the world and I look forward to being included in your interview schedule. Thank you for this great opportunity.

Sincerely,
Adelugba Kehinde