**Job title**: Project Field Officer-Agriculture & Market support

**Duty station**: Adjumani/Kiryandongo/Masindi

**Reports to**: Project Coordinator-Agriculture & Market Support

**Start date**: as soon as possible

**Duties and responsibilities:**

The Project Field Officer-Agricultural Market support will support the effective planning and implementation, monitoring and reporting of the WFP-Agriculture and Market support project in Masindi, Kiryandongo and Adjumani. S/he will provide technical backstopping and support to producer organisations and associations to promote and expand capacity in agro-marketing. Based in Kiryandongo or Adjumani, this position will nevertheless require a continuous presence in the targeted communities.

**The specific duties include:**

1. Mobilise producer organisations to contribute resources for production, post-harvest reduction and marketing selected commodities including maize, beans, sorghum
2. Prepare and conduct producer organization and association profiling and capacity assessment to identify needs including training and input needs
3. Develop and or improve comprehensive training materials for effective delivery of training to the producer organisations and associations.
4. Implement timely participatory and pragmatic training in farming as a business, postharvest handling, VSLA and value addition and in accordance with the training curriculum agreed and validated with the producer organisations and associations
5. Support producer organisations and associations to establish strong formal legal, governance and operational committees to improve their performance and institutional capacity
6. Support and/or facilitate producer organisations and associations to develop and implement comprehensive business and store plans to improve their business operations.
7. Link farmers to strategic stakeholders including input providers including post-harvest equipment, financial institutions, market information providers, and produce markets
8. Support rengthen bulking and collective marketing, including training on bulking and collective marketing, support to SCP lending schemes.
9. Monitor, follow up and mentor group performance with support from the Monitoring and Evaluation coordinator
10. Support and train producer groups and networks in market information systems, market data collection, analysis and dissemination, price determination and setting, and accessing and utilising market information through different channels. Ensure the provision of weekly commodity market price information.
11. Contribute to the planning and carrying out exchange visits, conferences and farmer exhibitions on produce marketing.
12. Conduct regular crop performance monitoring and provide technical production advice to producer groups.
13. Participate in regular monitoring and data collection on the SCP utilisation (deposits and sales) and training activities, and regular data entry into both internal and WFP databases, data analysis and reporting on trends and changes.
14. Contribute to the development of weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly workplans and reports

**Qualifications**

* A Diploma in agriculture, agribusiness or marketing. Other qualification will be considered if complemented by extensive practical experience.
* At least 2 years of experience in the field of agribusiness/agricultural production, agricultural produce marketing, market information and linkages.
* Detailed knowledge of the specific context, issues and challenges related to agricultural production and marketing in Northern Uganda. Experience of working in the region essential.
* Experience in community mobilisation and sensitisation/training in the fields of agriculture and marketing and strong technical knowledge in agricultural production with an emphasis on enhancing produce quality.
* Proven knowledge of and experience in support and training of small-scale farmers in enhancement of produce quality, post-harvest handling, and produce bulking, collective marketing and market information.
* Good writing and reporting skills with attention to detail and data accuracy. Experience in working with data and databases highly valued.
* Competence in Microsoft office (MS Word, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint).
* Fluent command of English and at least one of the following languages-Madi/Luo/Runyoro
* Good motorcycle riding skills and valid riding permit and willingness to ride motorcycles