

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Organizational setting

Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation (WCDI) is the interdisciplinary and internationally focused unit of Wageningen University & Research Centre. CDI works on processes of innovation and change through facilitating innovation, brokering knowledge and supporting capacity development.

Wageningen UR Uganda (WUU) is implementing a 4-year ISSD Plus project funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kampala. The programme aims to strengthen the development of a vibrant, pluralistic and market-oriented seed sector that is able to address key challenges that hamper the seed sector development such as seed quality assurance and availability of foundation seed.

Wageningen UR Uganda is anticipating funding for a 2-year Nutrition and Income Generation (NIGI) project funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kampala. The NIGI project aims to contribute to healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods of refugees and host communities West Nile Region of Uganda. NIGI project will do this by improving access to, and consumption of, nutritious crops and improving income for refugees and hosts in refugee settlement areas in West Nile Region.

Wageningen UR Uganda is searching for vibrant experienced suitable persons to fill the following positions for the two projects (ISSD Plus and NIGI projects) as below:

1) Seed Expert(1) ISSD Plus project

Duty station: Rwebitaba Zardi (Fortportal)
Reports to: Chief of Party

Key results

The Seed Expert will support the development of local seed businesses in Fort portal (Rwenzori Region) and will be based at Rwebitaba ZARDI. You will help to develop the capacities of small-scale farmers directly or through the out-scaling partners in becoming professional seed entrepreneurs. Additionally, you will facilitate innovation, broker knowledge and inspire new forms of collaboration between citizens, governments, businesses, NGOs and the scientific community.

Duties and responsibilities

The Seed Expert who can support farmer groups in their seed production practices towards becoming professional seed entrepreneurs. You will work closely with the ZARDI Agronomist and the ISSD Agribusiness Expert. You will also work closely with ZARDI staff, Agricultural District officer, local NGOs and other stakeholders. You will be accountable to the Kampala ISSD office, and the ZARDI director. Under the supervision of the Chief of Party and the Rwebitaba ZARDI director, you will: Train, coach and provide technical backstopping to Out-scaling partners and LSBs on agronomic practices of quality seed production and processing; Work as a team with the agribusiness expert in supporting farmer groups towards the development of Local Seed Businesses; Closely collaborate with ZARDI staff in supporting farmer groups towards producing quality seed; Facilitate farmer groups to have access to foundation seed and new varieties; Provide technical support for quality assurance for LSB seed production by coordinating the linkage to NSCS, District Agricultural Officers, National seed sampler and Laboratory; Play a supporting role in the compilation of planting returns, and requisitioning of QDS Labels; Play a supporting role in the nurturing of the Zonal LSB association and Monitor and coordinate the activities of the LSB out-scaling partners in Rwebitaba Zone(Rwenzori region).

Competences and Qualifications

Relevant degree in crop sciences, agriculture with an orientation towards participatory agricultural development; At least three years' work experience in the seed sector; Demonstrated ability to

collaborate with small-scale farmers, and other type of stakeholder groups (across different levels); Affinity with capacity development and institutional change processes; A strong interest in linking theory with policy and practice; Excellent English language skills; Report writing skills; relevant local language skills and Master's degree in the Agricultural field will be added benefit.

How to apply: Interested candidates can send their cover letters and resumes (max.4 pages) with three referees that can testify on the candidates' competences and skills to handle the tasks. Send to **hr@issduganda.org** Please do not attach Certificates or academic credentials. Deadline for application is 6th of April 2019.