

JOB DESCRIPTION

District Coordinator

Integrated Farming System (IFS), Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) & Value Chains; Environment Safeguard

(Project CHIRAAG, Department of Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare and Biotechnology, Government of Chhattisgarh (GoCG))

Apply by: 06.09.2021

Location: Districts (Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Sukma, Mungeli)

1. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth (CHIRAAG) project is a World Bank-supported transformative project of the Department of Agriculture Development, Farmer Welfare and Biotechnology (DoAB), Government of Chhattisgarh (GoCG). This ambitious project is premised on the development and optimum utilization of local natural resources and is well-aligned to *Narwa* (water conservation), *Garuwa* (livestock management), *Ghuruwa* (composting and soil health) and *Badi* (homestead garden) i.e., NGGB program of GoCG. The NGGB policy centres on principles of resource conservation approaches and Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) that have been promoted globally for sustainable development and offer opportunities for year-round production of nutritive food for local consumption and markets.

The project development objective (PDO) is to improve income opportunities and the availability of nutritious foods in targeted households of Chhattisgarh's tribal-dominated areas. It will contribute to the State's agricultural competitiveness in terms of increased production, productivity, with an enhanced focus on water management, livestock development, farm waste management, post-harvest management, storage, value addition, marketability as well as enterprise development for the creation of off-farm employment opportunities. The project will mobilize village communities into 'livelihood groups' (LG), strengthen existing *Gauthans* by promoting Gauthan Committees (GC), CHIRAAG Resource Centers (CRC), promote farmer producer organizations (FPO) and support these community institutions to access markets for accelerated and inclusive rural transformation. The project has 6 components:

1. Community Empowerment and Institutional Strengthening
2. Diversified, Resilient and Nutrition-Supportive Food and Agriculture Systems
3. Value Addition and Market Access
4. COVID-19 Economic Recovery Response
5. Project Management, Monitoring and Knowledge
6. Contingent Emergency Response Component

To achieve the project vision and mandate, Department of Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare and Biotechnology (DoAB), Government of Chhattisgarh (GoCG) invites applications for the position of CHIRAAG **District Coordinator- Integrated Farming System (IFS), Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) & Value Chains;**

Environment Safeguard to be based at the District Project Management Unit (DPMU). The details of this position are described below.

2. PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The position of **District Coordinator- Integrated Farming System (IFS), Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) & Value Chains; Environment Safeguard** will provide support to DPM under the CHIRAAG project at the district level and provide necessary programmatic and technical support towards the achievement of project objectives. S/he will have support responsibility for implementing the strategy for IFS, INRM & Value Chains; Environment Safeguard and in this regard will work closely with the others at SPMU and District and Block project teams, as well as the on boarded technical support agencies (TSAs).

3. KEY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Make strategy for project implementation in the district considering the unique geographical and agro-climatic conditions.
- District Coordinator will be the Master trainers for the Thematic area.
- Deliver the training to the project beneficiaries in the community.
- Provide technical inputs on preparing the training modules on Environmental Safeguards.
- Support activities related to the Post Harvest Management
- Undertake research at the field level for locally sustainable farming options and their value additions.
- Forward market linkages; Advisory and information, market linkage/marketing services.
- Regular reporting to PE and APM for the subject area.
- Work closely with the local KVK to develop contextual INRM models, work closely with the soil and water conservation unit of the dept. of agriculture, work closely with the CVDP TSA to design effective structures, provide inputs to the local govt. staff, help the TSA and the CC to implement to the INRM plan
- Support the CC to develop well rounded INRM plan with the LGs and the CRCs
- Provide technical backstopping support to the CC and the BPM
- Closely monitor progress of INRM in the district
- Ensure that INRM investment is closely in sync with income raise and the project objectives

4. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

Education: Post graduate degree in rural development/ public administration/ environmental science etc or Graduate Degree in technical streams like Agriculture Sciences/ agriculture engineering/ civil engineering / Diploma in Rural management/Social work

Experience: Minimum 3 years of post qualification relevant experience required.

1. Experience planning and implementing integrated natural resource management.
2. Should have experience designing Farmer Field Schools (FFS), providing training to Master Trainers and Farmers, monitoring adoption of PoP.

3. Must have worked at the state/ district level in large scale projects on agriculture development, value chain development and pro-poor development schemes.

Previous experience of planning and implementation of integrated natural resource management initiatives of any NGO in a geographic terrain similar to Bastar region in at least 2 watershed areas or implementing watershed projects of govt./ private donors/ externally aided projects in 2 watershed areas

Experience in CG: Work experience in similar programmes in CG or adjoining States for tribal population is preferred. Experience of working with government social development/ rural livelihood/ agriculture development projects will be an asset.

Bonafide resident of CG: Preferred

Age: Applicant should not be above 55 years of age as on the closing date of application.

Language proficiency and computer skills: Fluency in English and Hindi is essential. Applicant should have familiarity with the local language. Working knowledge in Microsoft Office including Word, Power point, Excel is essential.

5. SUPERVISOR:

The position will report to District Project Manager.

6. OFFICIAL TRAVEL

The position is expected to travel to the CHIRAAG project areas as required.

7. DURATION OF CONTRACT

This is contractual position with Project CHIRAAG for duration of two years, with possibility of extension for a further period of the project duration subject to satisfactory performance review and programme continuity.

8. COMPENSATION

The compensation for the position will be INR 40,000/- per month.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Qualified and eligible candidates are requested to apply for the position online on or before the closing date **September 06, 2021**.

Please note that only online applications will be accepted and application sent in any other means will not be considered.

10. POLICIES GOVERNING THE SELECTION

- **No Canvassing policy:** The applicant should refrain from canvassing in any form. Any instances of canvassing or influence the selection process will make the applicant liable to be rejected.
- **Equal Opportunity:** The CHIRAAG project is an equal opportunity employer for all castes, gender or social groups. Females are encouraged to apply for this position.