

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Block Project Manager**

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

**Apply by: 06.09.2021**

**Location: Block Locations** (Bakawand, Bastar, Bhopalpatnam, Bhairamgarh, Dantewada, Katekalyan, Cahrama, Narharpur, Baderajpur, Maakdi, Narayanpur, Sukma, Chindgarh, 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 Block Project Manager to be based at the Block Project Management Unit (BPMU). The details of this position are described below.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The **Block Project Manager** will be lead position at the block for CHIRAAG project implementation at the BPMU. BPM will coordinate for all thematic areas of the project at the block level and will be responsible for coordination with others at DPMU, SPMU and onboarded TSA for respective domains for proper execution of the project at the blocks under CHIRAAG project.

## 3. KEY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead position for the project implementation at the Block level
- Work in tandem with the DPCU to support in project implementation
- Forge convergence with the government agencies and its block level officers for collective project planning and support in integrated implementation
- Monitor, and orchestrate end-to-end implementation of the project at the block level
- Lead planning exercise – Integrated Landscape Planning, Micro-plan and other planning for project
- Develop strategy for project implementation at the field level
- Build team –field functionaries, cadres; and develop capacity
- Budgeting for program implementation, UC submission
- Lead project implementation for all the thematic areas – community development, developing nutrition supportive resilient production systems, other livelihood models, value chain models
- Monitor and nurture the community institutions – LGs and CRC

## 4. QUALIFICATION

**Education:** Any Post Graduate degree (Rural development, public administration will be preferred/or Graduate Degree in technical streams like Engineering/ Agriculture Sciences / Agri-Business/Fishery/ Veterinary Science/Fishery Sciences and Allied Subjects.

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

1. Experience of handling livelihoods, pro poor value chain, social development, INRM related projects etc.
2. Experience of working with rural development projects in tribal areas.
3. Experience of working with Community institutions, such as women SHGs and managing a team of multidisciplinary professionals.
4. Must have managed a team of multidisciplinary professionals.

Should have previously worked in farm/ off farm livelihood initiative at the block/ district level with a minimum producer/ farmer base of 200- on production technology/input streamlining/ output marketing. Must have experience of working with women SHGs.

**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 will be 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.

#### **1. SUPERVISOR:**

The position will report to District Project Manager - CHIRAAG.

#### **2. OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

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

#### **3. DURATION OF CONTRACT**

This is a contractual position with Project CHIRAAG for duration of 2 years and can be extended subject to satisfactory performance for further period of the project duration subject to satisfactory performance review and programme continuity.

#### **4. COMPENSATION**

The compensation for the position will be INR 35,000/- per month.

#### **5. APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Qualified and eligible candidates are requested to apply for the position online 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.

#### **6. 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.