

International Potato Center
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
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Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

The International Potato Center (CIP) is seeking a collaborative monitoring and evaluation officer with experience in developing and implementing a cost-effective monitoring system and conducting household surveys with a diverse set of partners. The position will serve a new 3 year effort focused on capacity strengthening of African advocates to mobilize resources for massive investment in the dissemination of pro-vitamin A rich orange-fleshed sweetpotato and training change agents in how to effectively design and implement such programs.

The Center: CIP is a not-for-profit international agricultural research-for-development organization with a focus on potato, sweetpotato, and Andean roots and tubers. Its vision is of roots and tubers improving the lives of the poor. CIP is dedicated to achieving food security, improved well-being, and gender equity for poor people in root and tuber farming and food systems of the developing world. CIP works with partners to contribute high quality science, technology, and capacity strengthening for sustainable science-based solutions. CIP is headquartered in Lima, Peru, with staff and activities in over 30 locations across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. CIP is a member of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research, a network of 15 research centers mostly located in the developing world and supported by more than 50 donor members.

The position: The Sweetpotato for Profit and Health Initiative, launched by CIP and over 26 partners in October 2009, has an ambitious goal of improving the lives of at least 10 million African households by 2020 through the effective production and expanded use of sweetpotato. Evidence has clearly demonstrated that orange-fleshed sweetpotato varieties are an excellent source of pro-vitamin A, an essential vitamin for health. Building a cadre of trained African champions for utilizing orange-fleshed sweetpotato as an entry point for tackling widespread vitamin A deficiency and a cadre of trained development agents to successfully promote and disseminate these materials is at the core of this effort. This position requires working in collaboration with public and private sector development agents and a variety of specialists engaged in advocacy activities to monitor progress towards stated project goals. The position requires being able to train counterparts in analytic skills required for effective monitoring and evaluation systems. The position will be based at CIP's Country Office in Maputo, Mozambique. The project has five target countries: Tanzania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Ghana, and Burkina Faso and will require significant amounts of travel.

Duties and Accountabilities:

- Lead the design and implementation of the monitoring and evaluation system for the project, in close collaboration with the project manager and the country teams
- Master's or PhD in Economics or Agricultural Economics or relevant applied economics discipline;

- At least five years' research experience in the design and implementation of baseline surveys, sampling design, adoption studies, impact evaluation, economic analysis of production systems and/or policy related economic research;
- Proven skills in applying econometric and quantitative approaches;
- Demonstrated success in working with multi-disciplinary teams and partnerships in collaborative proposal writing and research implementation;
- Excellent social skills and a collaborative style;
- Proactive, innovative and creative attitudes;
- Teaching experience preferred;
- Willingness to travel extensively within the region;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English are required. Good working knowledge of Portuguese, French or Swahili is preferred. Evidence of interest and ability to learn a foreign language is requisite;
- Must be a citizen of a sub-Saharan African country.

Conditions: The position will be based in Maputo, Mozambique. Employment contract will be for a three-year term with a three month probation period. Salary will be regionally competitive, paid in US dollars, and commensurate with experience. CIP provides additional benefits, including employer-paid medical, life and disability insurance. CIP prides itself on its collegial and supportive working environment, which allows space for personal and professional growth.

Applications: Applicants should apply by email, sending a letter of motivation, a full C.V., and the names and contact information of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience to Rosario Marcovich at CIP-Recruitment@cqiar.org. The reference name of the position should be clearly marked on the subject line of the email message. Screening of applications will begin on 22 June 2011 and will continue until the post is filled.

All applications will be acknowledged, only short listed candidates will be contacted.
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CIP is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified women and professionals from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply