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Field Officer - Animal Husbandry 100%

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse (VSF-Suisse), www.vsf-suisse.org is a politically and religiously neutral humanitarian organization working to improve the food security, nutrition and resilience of vulnerable communities by improving the health and productivity of their livestock within a healthy environment.

VSF-Suisse is seeking to recruit one **Field Officer-Animal Husbandry** for its project in Busia and Bungoma Counties, Kenya. Priority will be accorded to qualified applicants who reside in the region. The compensation package will be aligned with the VSF-Suisse rates for the position.

Duty Station: The position will be 100 % field based in Busia/Bungoma Counties

Reporting to: Project Manager

Expected Start Date: 01-06 April 2026

Duration: Seventeen months (17) but will be subject to annual contracts based on acceptable performance and availability of donor funding

Overall Responsibilities:

The position holder will implement activities related to animal production, health, welfare and food safety along the indigenous chicken's value chain in Busia and Bungoma Counties, currently under implementation. The project aims to improve incomes and employment opportunities for women and youth along the value chain.

Key Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the position holder will:

- Prepare and submit project periodic costed field work plans based on the project logframe and budgets to the supervisor for processing.
- Implement activities based on the logframe and approved work plans and budgets.
- Coordinate with stakeholders on activities implementation on indigenous chicken's health, welfare, food safety and marketing.
- Facilitate community mobilization and sensitization on the project and document the outcomes.
- Carry out training needs assessments on animal production, health, welfare and food safety along the indigenous chicken's value chain and document the outcomes through written reports
- Co-develop training curriculum and manuals and facilitate training sessions for indigenous chickens value chain actors on poultry production, health, welfare, food safety and marketing and document the outcomes through written reports.
- Collect information on poultry production, health and welfare, including disease outbreaks and monitor local poultry disease situation.

- Prepare and timely submit high-quality project progress reports according to donor requirements.
- Represent VSF-Suisse in the livestock sector/food security meetings/County stakeholder meetings.
- Participate in periodic team planning meetings and share information on daily and weekly progress on project implementation.
- Liaise with community leaders, local government officials, NGOs, UN-bodies and other partners wherever appropriate and required.
- Maintain daily communications with the country office on all issues relating to weather, security, project activities, staff movement and welfare issues.

Qualifications, Experience & Skills required:

- Adaptability and flexibility: Ability to manage a large workload and multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment with tight deadlines.
- Degree in Animal Production/Veterinary Medicine/Animal Health Science. A Post-graduate training in the same or related field would be desirable
- At least 3 years working experience in livestock/veterinary programmes as a field practitioner in, but not restricted to, smallholder setting in the rain-fed high agricultural potential areas.
- Demonstrate practice and understanding of production, health, welfare, food safety and marketing issues along the indigenous chickens value chain
- Experience in carrying out assessments, baseline surveys, monitoring and community participatory evaluation exercises.
- Experience in gender sensitive participatory approaches in community development work
- Excellent organizational, managerial and report writing skills.
- Excellent communication skills, interpersonal relations, and conflict resolution abilities
- Excellent computer skills and demonstrable track record of managing successful teams
- A good command of English (spoken and written) and Kiswahili.
- Command of at least one of the local languages spoken in the project area will be an advantage.
- Ability to work in multicultural team and strict adherence to rules, regulations and guidelines
- Person of integrity –honesty and good moral standing

How to apply:

- We look forward to receiving your application(s) in English. Please add:
- Motivation Letter (maximum one page) stating why you are the right person for this position
- A recent CV of 2 pages maximum
- Scanned copies of your work certificates and relevant academic certificates
- Scanned copy of National ID/Passport
- Names of three referees and their contact details.

Please send your application via e-mail to **Office.Nairobi@vsf-suisse.org** by Friday, March 27, 2026, 5:00 PM, East Africa Time. The application e-mail should indicate the Job Title on the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. VSF-Suisse does not charge any fee at any stage of the recruitment process for the advertised position. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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