



International Potato Center

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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WALK - IN INTERVIEW

For the post of Research for Development (R4D) Officer, Shillong

The International Potato Center (CIP) seeks a **Research for Development Officer** for the project **Food Resilience Through Root and Tuber Crops in Upland and Coastal Communities of the Asia-Pacific**, known by its short title **FoodSTART+**. This is a three-year project funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), with financial contributions from both IFAD and the European Union in association with Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA).

The Center: CIP is a non-profit international agricultural research-for-development organization with a focus on potato, sweet potato, 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 CGIAR Consortium, a network of 15 Research Centers and 16 Research Programs mostly located in the developing world and supported by more than 50 donor members.

The FoodSTART+ project: This three-year project works in five core countries in Asia, namely China, India, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam and in addition will undertake exploratory assessments in additional sites in Asia-Pacific. The project aims to assess food vulnerability among poor households with a production and consumption dependence on root and tuber crops (RTCs), and to identify and promote RTC innovations in production, marketing and consumption that enhance food resilience. To achieve this goal at scale, the project will develop, validate and implement effective partnership strategies with IFAD investment projects to promote RTCs for food security.

The position: The Research for Development Officer will be based with the MEGHA-LAMP project in Shillong, Meghalaya, in a physical location to be agreed with the Director of the Integrated Basin Development and Livelihoods Programme (IBDLP). The R4D Officer will report to the FoodSTART+ Project Coordinator with co-supervisory reporting to the MEGHA-LAMP Addl. Project Director.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Liaise with personnel of the IFAD MEGHA-LAMP investment project
- Assist in channeling technical and methods support to different elements of the MEGHA-LAMP project, especially in relation to the role of roots and tuber crops (RTCs).
- Help coordinate RTC-related capacity building and training events for MEGHA-LAMP
- Contribute to project monitoring, evaluation and reporting of FoodSTART+
- Contribute to FoodSTART+ communications
- Liaise with locally active key Indian research organizations such as ICAR-NEH and CTCRI in relation to R4D opportunities

Selection criteria:

- Minimum of a good first degree or equivalent in Agriculture, Agronomy, Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics or related areas
- At least three-years work experience in agriculture-related projects involving research for development
- Excellent spoken and written English. Knowledge of the Khasi and/or Garo languages would be an advantage.
- Willingness to travel and occasionally render service beyond normal working hours.

Conditions: Employment contract will be for a two-year term (with an initial 3 month probationary appointment), subject to availability of funding and performance. The position is a nationally recruited staff (NRS) level, offering a competitive compensation package.

Candidates should report for a Walk – In – Interview on 30th May, 2016 between 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for registration to be followed by an interview at the O/o the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, Nongrim, Shillong – 793003.

Candidates should come with a copy of Bio-Data attested copies of relevant certificates / documents of Academic Qualification, Proof of Date of Birth, Experience Certificate, if any and 2 (Two) Passport size photographs.

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