

<p>VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Research Analyst – Social Safety Nets</p>

Description:

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)- Malawi is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as a Research Analyst attached to IFPRI's Malawi Strategy Support Program based in Lilongwe. The position supports IFPRI Malawi's research theme on *Social Safety Nets and Breaking the Cycle*. Initial contracts will be for a period of one year.

Essential Duties:

This position is primarily a research position, requiring a good understanding of agriculture and rural development, experience with quantitative methods, including data collection, management of large datasets, and econometric analysis. This position is under the national staff category on Pay Grade 9 and will report to the leader of IFPRI Malawi's research theme on *Social Safety Nets and Breaking the Cycle*.

The specific duties of the post holder will include:

- Data cleaning and management.
- Quantitative and qualitative analysis of household surveys.
- Designing data collection instruments/protocols and training/supervision of enumerators, sometimes outside of Lilongwe.
- Writing and editing of research reports, policy notes, academic papers and other documents.
- Liaising with GoM offices to maintain up to date data files and summary statistics.
- Interacting with officials from the GoM, civil society and the development partners on topical issues related to agriculture, food security and poverty reduction in Malawi
- Responding to urgent requests for rapid analytics by government, donors and other stakeholders.

Required Qualifications and Skills

- Master's degree in Development Economics or related field.
- 3-5 years' work experience or demonstrated excellence in research such as publication of research in peer reviewed outlets.
- Knowledge and experience with social safety net and humanitarian assistance programmes in Malawi.
- Experience using Stata and Excel for data cleaning, management and analysis, especially large household datasets.
- Familiarity with the large household datasets available in Malawi such as the DHS and IHS/IHPS.

- Familiarity with theoretical and technical issues related to agriculture, economic development, poverty, food security, and/or nutrition in Malawi.

Desired Qualifications and Skills

- Excellent English writing skills, especially technical and academic writing.
- Familiarity with geographic information systems (GIS) and packages, such as ArcGIS or QGIS.
- Familiarity with qualitative research packages, such as NVivo.
- Experience engaging with stakeholders in the agriculture sector in Malawi or other similar contexts, especially in government.
- Work experience with a reputable research, government or non-governmental institution working in the fields of agricultural, food or development policy
- Published research outputs, such as peer reviewed journals or high-quality discussion papers or policy briefs/notes.

To Apply:

IITA offers a comprehensive salary and benefits package. Applications should be submitted by email to Ms. Doreen Munthali (D.Munthali@cgiar.org) with copy to IFPRI-Lilongwe@cgiar.org by 28 February 2018. ***Please mark the subject of your e-mail, “Application for the Post of Research Analyst, IFPRI– Social Safety Nets.”*** Applicants should provide a CV, including the names and contact details (address, phone numbers and emails) of three referees, plus a cover letter addressing the selection criteria.

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