



International Potato Center
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
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Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist

The **International Potato Center (CIP)** is seeking a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Specialist for a three-year project in West Africa entitled Jumpstarting Orange-fleshed Sweetpotato (OFSP) in West Africa through Diversified Markets.

The Project: The introduction of vitamin A rich OFSP in West Africa has been on a much smaller scale to date than in Eastern and Southern Africa. Drawing on lessons learned from those experiences, the Jumpstarting OFSP in West Africa project seeks to demonstrate that by starting with a value chain approach to introducing OFSP, more commercially oriented seed systems will emerge, as markets for the roots will drive demand for quality planting materials. The project is predicated on the hypothesis that it is possible to simultaneously develop value chains for OFSP and maximize nutritional benefits to vulnerable populations. The project will pilot test four separate value chains in Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Nigeria. The M&E specialist will be part of a multi-disciplinary team that includes a breeder, a seed system specialist, and a nutritionist and a number of private sector, government, and non-governmental organization partners.

The Center: CIP is a not-for-profit international agricultural research for development with a focus on potatoes, sweetpotatoes, and Andean roots and tubers. Its vision is to emphasize the use of roots and tubers to improve the lives of the poor. CIP is dedicated to achieving food security, improved well-being, and gender equality 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 over 30 locations across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. CIP is a member of the CGIAR Consortium, a network of 15 research centers that are mostly located in the developing world and supported by more than 50 donor members.

The Position: This position will be based in Osogbo, Nigeria and will report to the Project Leader in Ghana. The selected candidate should be committed to using research for development in a complex cooperative environment of research and development partners, and will be required to travel extensively within the three target countries (Ghana, Burkina Faso and Nigeria), with occasional travel to other regions of the world.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Lead the socio-economic research components of four value chain pilot efforts with income and nutrition outcomes, focused on measuring adoption and impact on incomes, food security, and diet quality
- Design a monitoring system to track dissemination and uptake in partner countries, as well as conduct periodic qualitative assessments among project beneficiaries and partners.
- Manage data related to project milestones; work with stakeholders to develop impact pathways and collect relevant indicators to monitor progress towards achieving agreed upon milestones and final outcomes.
- Publish research articles and reports in collaboration with CIP staff and project research partners.

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Economics or Agricultural Economics or relevant applied economics discipline;
- At least two 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 research for development implementation;
- A good publication record consistent with post-doctoral experience;
- Experience with survey data management preferred;
- Experience with implementing value chains for specific crops preferred;
- Prior working experience in Africa;
- Excellent social skills and a collaborative style;
- Proactive, innovative and creative attitudes;
- Willingness to travel extensively within the region;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English are required. **Good working knowledge of French is required.**

Conditions: The employment contract will be for an initial **three-year term** (with a three month probation period) with possibility of renewal, subject to availability of funding. Salary will be internationally competitive, paid in US dollars, and commensurate with experience. 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 cover letter summarizing their relevance to this position, a full C.V. and the names and contact information of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience to cip-recruitment@cgiar.org, copied to Dr. Ted Carey (e.carey@cgiar.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 **16 June 2014** and will continue until the post is filled.

*CIP seeks diversity and gender balance in its staff.
Women and citizens of developing countries are particularly urged to apply.
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