
JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION:	FOOD SECURITY OFFICER
DEPARTMENT:	PROGRAMS
REPORTS TO:	FOOD SECURITY COORDINATOR
PLACE OF WORK:	HIRAN-BELEDWAYNE

NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE POSITION

Assist in developing and proposing sector-based strategies in the field of food security and livelihoods. He/she specifically guarantees the quality and suitability of proposed technical approaches and ensures the appropriateness of FSL activities and general Mercy USA objectives to the needs of the local populations. The positions reports to the FSL Coordinator

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist the FSL Coordinator in developing appropriate targeting criteria and mechanisms to ensure the needs of identified vulnerable groups are met.
- Plan and implement food security and livelihood activities in their specified regions
- Organize and facilitate training sessions for technical teams and assisted communities.
- Liaise with local authorities, research institutes, partner organizations, NGOs, government bodies and clusters at base level.
- Coordinate with other technical departments (nutrition, water and sanitation) and support departments (log-admin, human resources).
- Be the driving force for putting new activities into place in their specified regions
- Validate the relevance of any assessments carried out
- Support the other officers in setting up a technical approach and assessing the financial, human, and logistical elements of programs to be implemented
- Provide technical and methodological support to program managers for program planning and implementation
- Ensure the relevance and consistency of the programs vis-à-vis the needs of the populations.
- Ensure that the programs in his/ her region reaches the required results
- Ensure that monitoring indicators are in place and relevant.
- Develop team capacities with techniques and new methodologies; Coordination, technical support and operational monitoring
- With the field team, take part in a weekly program review (budgetary, operational, logistical)
- Provide support and advice to logistics for program material purchasing

JOB SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRED
Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma in Food Security, Livelihoods or another technical relevant technical discipline • Professional qualification will be an added advantage 	Degree in Food Security, livelihoods or another technical relevant discipline
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 years in similar position • Experience working in Somalia • Experience of implementing USAID funded projects • Experience of implementing UN funded (UNICEF/WFP) projects • Experience working with budgets, including managing financial outlays and expenditures 	Previous work experience managing remote field teams
Work related skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong knowledge of the programme management cycle, and related process and structures for quality programme management • Good organizational skills • Good time management skills • Strong communication skills, including ability to lead and manage remote • Ability to work in harsh conditions • Strategic thinking • Aggressive and Result Oriented • Able to meet set own targets and meet own targets on a monthly basis and follow up targets of reporting colleagues • Able to meet deadlines • Knowledge of local Language- Somali • Able to identify programme challenges and plan and communicate alternatives for smooth programme implementation 	Courses or skills related to program management (such as PMP)

Personal attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work under pressure • Trustworthy • Team player • Responsiveness • Strong interpersonal skills • Strong customer relation skills • Integrity 		
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This job description is meant to be only a representative summary of the duties and responsibilities performed by the jobholder. The jobholder may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those stated in this description.

The jobholder is expected to perform in a manner consistent with the values and philosophy of **“Mercy USA for Aid and Development”**

The position will close 17th January 2017; the incumbents should send their CV’s and cover letters or motivational letters to hr.eaprogram@mercyusa.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

INCUMBENT	APPROVED BY	APPROVAL
Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____	Program Manager- Somalia Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____	Regional Director Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____