

General Development Officer (Senior General Development Officer)

Position Title: General Development Officer, Backstop 12, FSL-01

Functional Title: Senior General Development Officer

Location of Position: U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security, Office of Markets, Partnership, and Innovation (MPI)

Position Grade: FSL-01

Salary Range: \$137,849 - \$166,500

Position Opening Date: October 10, 2019

Position Closing Date: 11:59 p.m. on November 7, 2019

Bureau Description: The USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) leads the Agency's resilience and food security efforts and the coordination and implementation of the U.S. Government Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) through the U.S. Government's Feed the Future (FTF) initiative to combat global hunger, poverty and malnutrition. With an annual initiative budget of roughly \$1 billion, BFS has overall responsibility for strategic planning, funding, design, implementation, oversight and evaluation of all programs and projects that contribute to the GFSS.

Description of Key Duties:

- Provides senior-level technical leadership across a diverse agricultural finance portfolio in support of Global Food Security Strategy implementation through increasing financial inclusion for smallholder farmers and other stakeholders within agricultural market systems.
- Provides senior-level technical leadership and assistance to help USAID Missions, businesses, financial institutions, and other donors target their efforts and improve access to finance for smallholders and small and medium enterprises worldwide.
- Increases coordination and innovation among partners so that effective smallholder and small and medium enterprise (SME) finance products and services are developed.
- Explores, negotiates, designs, procures, implements, and monitors strategic partnerships, targeted activities, and broad programs at global, regional, and country levels to advance the development and utilization of agricultural financial services/products through FTF.
- Establishes relationships with financial institutions which will lead to the provision of technical assistance, advisory support services, and mechanisms to incentivize agricultural financial services.
- Assesses the impact of financial products and services, strategic partnerships, and pilot efforts and recommend adjustments as needed to expand the outreach of finance providers to underserved markets, including to women.
- Maintains a broad awareness of development in the U.S. legal and financial policy, with special responsibility for participating in decisions with a direct impact on developing countries.

Qualifications Required:

- Mastery knowledge of and experience in providing strategic direction to a diverse portfolio of activities, including but not limited to: 1) agricultural finance and pathways to providing inclusive financial products/services to actors throughout agrifood systems, 2)

new tools and delivery mechanisms for financial products/services that overcome existing barriers, such as digital hardware/software 3) new financial products/services that align with the complex risk environment that characterizes smallholder agriculture, and 4) loan guarantee programs that address the constraints faced by smallholder farmers.

- Mastery of program and organizational analysis principles, methods, practices and techniques; analytical methods; and interpersonal relations practices.
- Mastery of legal, fiscal and current international practices.
- Complete familiarity with current U.S. and international laws, regulations, negotiations, and treaties regarding legal and financial development, as well as status of pending negotiations, especially with issues affecting developing countries.
- Expert-level insight to inform senior manager decision-making regarding allocation of resources across sectors or across countries, and input to cross-cutting issues such as environment or gender.
- Knowledge of and experience in understanding of program monitoring, performance management, evaluation, and reporting approaches and tools and their use in an international development context.
- Excellent communication skills in order to convey technically complex and controversial information to multi-cultural, non-technical and technical audiences with diverse views.
- Strong team player who also has the ability to act independently and execute sound judgment.
- Demonstrated ability to be diplomatic, tactful and discreet in dealing with internal and external stakeholders and senior leadership
- Knowledge of and prior experience with Feed the Future a plus.

Eligibility: Only U.S. Citizens may apply.

Application Instructions: Please send detailed CV, cover letter and any supporting documentation to bfjobs@usaid.gov with the position's official and functional titles in the e-mail subject line, by the position closing date listed above.

In your cover letter, please also:

1. indicate your U.S. citizenship status; and
2. include contact information (name, title, e-mail and telephone) for three references, one of which must be a current or former supervisor.

For more information: <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/increasing-food-security-through-feed-future>