Bureau for Food Security (BFS) FSL-02, Supervisory Agriculture Officer

Official Position Title: Supervisory Agriculture Officer, Backstop 10, FL-0401-02
Position Grade: FSL-02
Salary Range: $109,219- $160,392 Annually
Position Opening Date: December 18, 2018 Position Closing Date: January 3, 2019, 11:59 p.m., EST

Description of the Bureau: The USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) leads coordination and implementation of Feed the Future, the U.S. Government’s global hunger and food security initiative. BFS brings together programmatic, technical, and regional expertise from throughout USAID to assist 19 Feed the Future focus countries and additional aligned countries and regional programs with strategic design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. BFS coordinates Feed the Future’s 10 additional U.S. Government partner agencies and departments, most recently on development and implementation of the new U.S. Government Global Food Security Strategy. This strategy, delivered to Congress as a requirement of the Global Food Security Act of 2016, charts how U.S. Government partners will support developing countries over the next five years to achieve lasting progress in food security and nutrition.

Description of Office: The Office of Country Strategy and Implementation (CSI), within the Bureau for Food Security and in coordination with Regional and Pillar Bureaus, provides leadership on country strategic planning related to Feed the Future. In addition, CSI oversees direct program support to Missions in nutrition, gender, climate smart agriculture and agricultural innovation systems. Country Support Officers in the geographic divisions are the primary BFS points of contact for Missions. The Technical and Nutrition divisions provide technical analysis and support to Missions. CSI also oversees design and implementation of region-wide food security agendas and strategies.

Description of Position: The Agriculture Officer will oversee regional FTF strategy formulation and implementation guidance. The purpose of this position is to provide supervisory technical support and advice to Bureau, Mission and interagency staff on country and regional strategy formulation, cross cutting regional integration, as well as ensure alignment with FTF strategic guidance, and evidence-based programming. The position is heavily client-focused, responding to senior Bureau management and FTF priority areas.

Description of Key Duties: The Agriculture Officer will lead regional strategy development for programming under the FTF Initiative and in the areas of agriculture,
resilience, and nutrition. S/he will serve as a liaison between USAID and other USG agencies on FTF programming and maintain regular contact with Missions and travel as required to provide technical advice, and program oversight related to area of responsibility. The Officer will manage the review and approval of food security strategic plans as part of overarching mission or regional development cooperation strategies, including technical review and resolution of issues. The Officer will provide support to country and regional project design and implementation, including ensuring alignment with FTF strategic guidance, and evidence-based programming. S/he will review and analyze FTF M&E data in order to forecast sector trends, constraints, and opportunities, and promote learning and collaboration across USAID’s regional and pillar bureaus. S/he will coordinate with the Technical Division to ensure FTF programs reflect state-of-the-art technical guidance.

Qualifications Required: Ideal candidate will have an expert knowledge in food security, resilience, agriculture and nutrition, as well as USAID’s work and the Feed the Future initiative including its strategy, priorities and goals. This FSL position also requires an incumbent with experience supporting field programs.

Application Instructions: Please send detailed CV and cover letter to bfsjobs@usaid.gov with the position’s official title in the subject line by the position closing date.

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