



**Job Vacancy/Description: Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) Officer (2 Positions)**

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Village Saving and Loan Association Officer</b>
<b>Organization profile and background:</b>	<p><b>Welthungerhilfe</b></p> <p>Welthungerhilfe was founded in 1962 as the National Committee of the “Freedom from Hunger Campaign” set up by the United Nations’ Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). Today it is one of the largest non-governmental organizations working in development cooperation and humanitarian aid in Germany. Non-profit making, non-denominational and politically independent, the organization is run by a board of honorary members under the patronage of the German President.</p> <p>Welthungerhilfe is working in 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and campaigns publically for fairer cooperation with developing countries. Its work is funded by private donations from the population at large and public grants including USAID/OFDA, ECHO (FPA P-partner), and works with funding from BMZ, German Foreign Office, DEVCO/EuropeAid, DFID, KFW among many others.</p> <p>Welthungerhilfe has been in Liberia since 2003 with a focus on Agriculture/ Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security, Infrastructure and WASH.</p> <p>Welthungerhilfe Liberia has been granted by European Commission a five year development project entitled on <b><i>Prosperous Agriculture Road Map to Nutrition &amp; Entrepreneurship, Reinforcing Sustainability (PARTNERS)</i></b>. A total of 6,600 farmers from 220 communities are directly targeted by the project. The project will contribute to <b><i>improve food and nutrition security and increase income and resilience against shocks in the rural areas of Liberia</i></b>. It will focus on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increasing the capacity of smallholders to improve agriculture productivity, and target household enables to produce nutritious and marketable foods ;</li> <li>- To make smallholder farmers resilient to food and economic shocks and have improved livelihoods through participating improved post harvesting and food processing techniques;</li> <li>- Strengthening value chains in the five strategic crops (Cassava, Ground nuts, Pineapples, Plantain and <i>Moringa</i>) so as to me the required food quality standards for human consumption</li> <li>- Promoting entrepreneurship and access to finance to develop agricultural value chain and markets &amp;</li> <li>- Building the operational capacity and technical expertise of national implementing partners to sustainably implement current and future programs</li> </ul> <p>The project commenced since January, 2018 to implement by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) as lead applicant and the three international NGOs- ZOA, Concern Worldwide and SPARK as co-applicant in cooperation with several local partners. The project will be operational in the seven (7) in counties of Liberia: Rivercess, Grand Kru, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Bomi.</p> <p>Hence, WHH want to recruit qualified and competent candidate to be a member of this project team.</p>
<b>Location:</b>	Based at Sinoe, Grand Kru and Rivercess counties.
<b>Objective of the Position:</b>	The objective of this position is to provide guidance and lead the implementation of VSLA group formation in the target counties or communities.
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Agriculture Project Coordinator



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<b>Main Responsibilities:</b>	<p>The VSLA Officer will be a team for the EU funded project called Prosperous Agriculture Roadmaps To Nutrition &amp; Entrepreneurship, Reinforcing Sustainability (PARTNERS) project. And the VSLA officer will be required to perform mainly the following tasks:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technically lead to mobilize and establish VSLA groups in the selected communities;</li> <li>▪ Facilitate training on core VSLA modules for established VSLA groups;</li> <li>▪ Provide weekly update on VSLA activities to the project coordinator and</li> <li>▪ Monitor all VSLA groups and collect relevant data for reporting the project progress status</li> <li>▪ Participate in beneficiary selection with relevant stakeholders;</li> <li>▪ Follow up the day to day progress of VSLA groups and make recommendation for improving the project according to activity results and</li> <li>▪ Write project activity reports and submit to project coordinator as required</li> </ul>
<b>Experience:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 2 years' professional experience working with INGO/NGO</li> </ul>
<b>Education:</b>	The candidate must have at least Diploma/First degree in relevant studies such as Finance and Administration, Agricultural Business/Economics, Rural Development and Community Development.
<b>Languages:</b>	Excellent command of spoken and written English
<b>Computer skills:</b>	<p>Good knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially: Word and Excel</p> <p>Good working knowledge of modern communication systems</p>
<b>Personal Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicates and liaises with others</li> <li>• Capacity of team work, ability to work in a team</li> <li>• Intercultural Competence</li> <li>• Gender sensitive</li> <li>• Willing to learn and share knowledge</li> <li>• Professionalism integrity and commitment to project demands</li> </ul>
<b>Starting date</b>	ASAP
<b>Applications for this position should be sent to:</b>	<p>Please send softcopies of a motivation letter and CV and any additional documents you wish to submit (e.g. scans of certificates, letter of recommendation) to the following:</p> <p>Subject: <u>Village Saving and Loan Association Officer</u></p> <p>Email : <a href="mailto:Recruitment.Liberia@welthungerhilfe.de">Recruitment.Liberia@welthungerhilfe.de</a></p>
<b>Note:</b>	<p>After reviewing the applications received by the closing date, within two (2) weeks period "if you don't hear from us consider your application unsuccessful." We encourage you to apply again for posted and advertised positions in our Organization, for which you qualify in the future.</p>
<b>Closing date:</b>	<b>20 February 2018</b>