

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICER (2)

Background

DANI AGRO Ltd is a registered company in Uganda with a broad objective of setting up an agro processing factory to process and pack a variety of agricultural products. One of its primary focus is agro-processing to add value and enhance shelf life to Uganda's produce to minimize post-harvest losses and contribute to stabilization of farm-gate prices while economically empowering the value chain actors. The company is now seeking to fill the following position on **PART TIME BASIS**.

Job Title: Agricultural Extension Officer

Job Purpose

To act as intermediaries between Dani Agro, district production offices, researchers, and farmers to enhance tomato production and productivity at farm level.

Terms of reference

1. Farmer Support and Training

- Conduct regular visits to farmers' fields to assess their needs, provide technical advice, and address specific challenges.
- Support training programs, workshops and demonstrations on various aspects of agriculture, including crop production, pest
 and disease control, soil conservation, and post-harvest handling.
- Facilitate the formation/strengthening and management of farmer groups to foster knowledge sharing and collective action.

2. Technology Dissemination

- Identify and evaluate appropriate agricultural technologies, innovations, and best practices relevant to the local context
- Promote the adoption of appropriate tomato varieties
- Facilitate farmer access to quality inputs, including seeds, fertilizers, pesticides through linkages to recommended suppliers.

3. Knowledge Management

- Work with agronomist to collect data on all aspects of tomato production.
- Maintain up-to-date records of farmers, their farms, and the extension services provided, facilitating data-driven decision-making and impact assessment. (tools for monitoring check if Technoserve tool can work for us but for baseline survey we need to undertake a baseline survey.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitor the progress and impact of agricultural interventions implemented, collecting data on adoption rates, yield improvements, income generation, and other relevant indicators.
- Provide feedback on the effectiveness of training programs, field demonstrations, and extension activities.
- Prepare Monthly reports on extension activities, outcomes achieved, challenges faced, and recommendations for future interventions. -Reports shall be submitted by 21st of every month.

5. Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

i) Qualifications:

 Educational Background: A bachelor's degree in agriculture, agricultural extension, rural ddevelopment, aagronomy or a related field.

ii) Experience:

- Two years practical experience in tomato production gained either through internships, fieldwork, or employment in an agricultural setting.
- Experience in conducting agricultural research, data collection and analysis would be desirable.

6. Competencies and Skills:

- The candidate should have comprehensive knowledge on tomato growth patterns, nutrient requirements, pest management and best agricultural practices.
- Fluency in Luganda,
- Ability to design and deliver training sessions, workshops and extension programs to educate farmers on best agricultural practices and new technologies.
- The candidate should be able to identify challenges faced by farmers and provide appropriate solutions and recommendations.
- Have a broad knowledge of the socioeconomic context of the farming communities.

Duration of Service: One (1) year renewable based on performance and availability of funds.

Duty Station: The Agricultural Extension Officer will work in the districts of Luweero, Kayunga, Mukono and Nakaseke.

Reports to: The General Manager

Application Procedure:

Interested and suitably qualified applicants should send their applications with detailed CVs and copies of their academic certificates to daniagro256@gmail.com. The application should include a cover letter and relevant academic certificates all in one file not exceeding 5Megabytes (MB). The cover letter should be addressed to the Director, DANIAGRO. The detailed CV must include names and addresses of 3 referees (including e-mail address and telephone numbers). Closing date for receiving applications is 13 August 2023. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. DANI AGRO is an Equal Opportunity Employer.