



Employment Opportunity: 3 Junior agronomists (full-time)

Job title : Junior agronomist – PIP assistants
Location : Bududa, supporting project activities in the entire Manafwa River Watershed
Duration : 4 years, subject to successfully meeting 6 months' probation period

About Us

Africa 2000 Network Uganda (A2N Uganda) is a local non-governmental organisation with mandate to promote sustainable agriculture among small and medium farmers in Uganda. We have been in existence for the last 27 years. Our mission is “To promote sustainable development for quality life among small and medium farming communities through fostering food and nutrition security, agribusiness development, knowledge sharing and policy advocacy”. Within a consortium with Wageningen University (Netherlands), Kyambogo University, Makerere University and Tree Adoption Uganda (TAU), A2N Uganda is starting a four-year project called Restoring Resilience & Stimulating Stewardship of the Manafwa Watershed – Uganda. Within this new project we will work with the Integrated Farm Planning Approach (PIP), and we are looking for **three junior agronomists or PIP assistants (extension workers) in the communities of the project**.

Job Purpose

To work with the PIP approach and facilitate the transformation of farmer households in the target communities in the Manafwa watershed into responsible stewards of the natural resources and towards sustainable agriculture.

Tasks and responsibilities

The PIP assistants shall:

- Sensitize communities in the PIP approach by means of community workshops and meetings
- Mobilize farmers to participate actively in environmental conservation and restoration activities
- Facilitate visioning, planning, farmer-to-farmer learning, and action of the PIP farmers
- Provide technical support about improved (agroecological) farming practices
- Set-up on-farm demonstration sites and monitor the effect of innovations
- Forge collaborative linkages with other development service providers and local leaders
- Keep proper records of all project activities and well coded farmers lists in the area of jurisdiction
- Produce accurate and monthly work plans and reports

Qualifications and experience

- A Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, Environment Management, development studies or any related field
- At least 2 years' practical experience in using participatory approaches in rural communities
- At least 2 years' demonstrable competence in extension/training in the use of improved farming practices (e.g. compost and green manure, agroforestry, erosion control, crop rotations, vegetable gardens)
- A genuine commitment for sustainable rural development and natural resources management
- Good communication and report writing skills in English
- Able to speak Lugisu

Other desirable skills & qualities

- Strong interpersonal and mentoring skills, with an affinity in working with smallholder farmers
- Valid motorcycle riding permit
- High integrity, honesty, and ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- A good team player, eager to collaborate with colleagues and learn
- Photography skills and competences

Benefits

All three positions for a Junior Agronomist - PIP assistant carry an attractive package commensurate with the skills, knowledge and competences

How to apply

Please submit your application comprising of a letter explaining your motivation in applying for this job (max 2 pages), your CV (max 4 pages) and copies of academic papers and testimonials to: a2n@a2n.org.ug or deliver hard copies addressed to the Executive Director of Africa 2000 Network Uganda (Plot 70 Bukoto Street, Kamwokya, Lower Kololo; PO Box 21990, Kampala).

Closing date for applications is 12th April 2019 at 5 pm local time.