

Research Associate – Agriculture at International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

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Job Description

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The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) works to improve food security and reduce poverty in developing countries through research for better and more sustainable use of livestock. ILRI is a CGIAR research centre – part of a global research partnership for a food-secure future.

Key Responsibilities

Purpose

Assist in research activities related to Seed System and Product Management, including coordinating with national research partners (e.g. NARES, NGOs, women groups, and universities) in setting up trails, organizing field days, data collection, and conducting interviews based on the planned research activities and SOPs.

Support the deployment and demonstration of various technologies both at the research station and in farmers' fields with the aim of creating awareness and demand of those technologies among stakeholders.

Execute routine protocols to ensure proper positioning of technologies that are ready for up-scaling and provide feedback on farmer and other stakeholder responses and learnings to the technical team.

Support researchers and scientists in implementing surveys.

Engagement

Provide timely, consistent and accurate information to direct supervisor to ensure smooth flow of research activities, such as farmers' preferences, unexpected factors that may result to unexpected outcomes of field demo and trials, conflict and other issues, to ensure that research objectives and SOPs are followed.

Delivery

Carry out regular monitoring and maintenance of research facilities and equipment.

Lead data collection in the field across identified study areas including those being implemented in collaborations with partners.

Assist in advising stakeholders on tested and validated beneficial technologies (e.g. new varieties, climate mitigation practices, practices that enhance water use efficiency etc.) to key stakeholders.

Contribute to the deployment of digital tools such as seed cast to enhance efficient monitoring of the rate and extent of adoption of new technologies by farmers and other stakeholders.

Contribute to writing reports on findings of Seed System and Product Management activities as well as other research results.

Support in the planning and organizing of technical workshops or trainings as part of capacity building for stakeholder on Seed System and Product Management related activities.

Perform any other relevant duties as assigned by supervisor from time to time

Requirements

Diploma in the Agriculture with 2 years of relevant work experience

Basic knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel) or other softwares

Experience in rice production

Ability to ride a motorcycle on the field and have a valid license for this category or be willing to learn it.

Good oral and written communication skills,

Good interpersonal skills

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