

Job Description: Technical Officer (Agriculture/Livestock/Nutrition/Market linkage)

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Location: Project Office, Bangad Kupinde Municipality, Salyan

Reports to: Project Coordinator

BACKGROUND

CEAPRED is implementing the - *Building Community Resilience for Food & Nutrition Security and Disaster Risk Reduction in Salyan District* project in partnership with AWO International, funded by BMZ. The three-year project (2026-2029) aims to improve livelihoods, food & nutrition security, and climate resilience of vulnerable smallholders and marginalized communities in all wards of Bangad Kupinde Municipality, Karnali Province. The project focuses on enhancing agricultural production through climate-smart technologies, diversifying income sources, strengthening disaster risk reduction capacities, and building the institutional capacity of Civil Society Structures eg. Cooperatives, Disaster Management Committees, Community Forest User Groups etc. to ensure sustainable community-led development.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This position provides technical leadership in the agriculture, livestock, and nutrition sectors. The Technical Officer will be responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing the activities related to enhancing agricultural production, improving dietary diversity, and establishing market linkages for the project's target beneficiaries. This position will also take leadership in designing the training programs and support in conducting the trainings at field level. Further, s/he will also guide, support and monitor the Technician (Livelihood/Agriculture/Nutrition) in carrying out his/her responsibilities.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Technical Leadership:** Provide technical guidance on climate-resilient agricultural practices (e.g., improved varieties, intercropping, integrated farming systems), nutrition garden establishment, and diversified food production.
- **Activity Implementation:** Oversee the planning and implementation of activities including:
 - Training and input support for cereal, legume, and vegetable cultivation.
 - Establishment of demonstration nutri-gardens and Farmer Field Schools (FFS).
 - Training in dietary diversity and nutrition.
 - Facilitate in supporting agricultural inputs as provisioned in the project document.

- **Market and Value Chain Development:** Lead the implementation of activities to enhance market access, including organizing interaction meetings with traders, establishing collection centres, and supporting post-harvest management.
- **Capacity Building:** Supervise and guide the Technician and collaborate with them to train farmers, Local Resource Persons (LRPs), and other stakeholders.
- **Technical Support:** Provide on-site technical support and problem-solving to beneficiaries.
- **Coordination:** Coordinate with the Municipality, Agriculture/Cooperatives, Agro-vets, and other relevant market actors.
- **Reporting:** Contribute to the preparation of technical progress reports.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- **Education:** At least Bachelor's degree in Agronomy, Horticulture, Livestock Science, or a related field. A Master's degree is preferred.
- **Experience:** Minimum of 3 years of experience in agricultural development, with a focus on livelihood improvement, climate-smart agriculture, and value chain development.
- **Skills:**
 - Strong technical knowledge of crop production, livestock management, and post-harvest handling;
 - Experience in facilitating training and capacity-building programs for farmers;
 - Good understanding of value chain development, market systems development;
 - Knowledge and skills in Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI);
 - Proficiency in English and Nepali;
 - Knowledge of local languages is a plus;
 - Proficiency in MS Office and report writing;
 - Motorcycle driving license is required.