

Job Position: Private Sector Engagement Specialist for Agriculture

The Private Sector Engagement (PSE) Specialist for Agriculture (Ag) position is designed for candidates who have extensive experience and knowledge of the agriculture sector and have some experience in building partnerships with private sector companies. Experience in reforming university curricula to match labor market needs is desirable.

Under the general direction of the Chief of Party, the Private Sector Engagement (PSE) Specialist for Ag will facilitate the partnerships between the agriculture sector and selected faculties in the partner Universities.

Additionally, the Private Sector Engagement Specialist for Ag will work closely with the Activity's Industry Relations Specialist to support private sector partners and stakeholders in Kosovo and Iowa in implementing and achieving Activity outcomes.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The PSE Specialist for Ag shall assist the Chief of Party (CoP) in developing and implementing Activity interventions with the following roles and responsibilities:

- Support and manage the formulation of strategies and activity interventions to engage the agriculture sector with partner universities.
- Engage with agriculture sector and selected university faculties in developing and implementing interventions designed to further strengthen the partnership between partner universities and agriculture companies.
- Engage with the Activity's Ag Specialist to accomplish Activity objectives.
- Implement the partnership agreements and memoranda of understanding (MoUs), between the agriculture sector and university partners. Assure consistency and continuity across study programs at different universities to assure quality within the sector.
- Assess, engage, expand, and maintain relationships with agriculture companies, industry leaders, and associations.
- Where applicable, work with Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development personnel to implement interventions.
- Support the development of Activity deliverables, contribute to monitoring and evaluation, and facilitate learning processes related to agriculture sector engagement
- Oversee activities related to sub-awards and provide support to short-term consultants and advisors
- Provide technical leadership for the design and management of experimental learning activities and development of innovative partnerships with the agriculture private sector and universities.
- Support the CoP in planning, implementing, and monitoring of the Activity interventions.
- Support the development of activity deliverables and contribute to monitoring, evaluation, and learning processes related to private sector engagement activities
- Keep track of the project operational performance and ensure project activities are within assigned budgets, identify problems, and suggests corrective actions.

Minimum Qualifications:

- M.Sc. or M.A. in relevant field (Agriculture) and 5 years of experience, or bachelor's degree in relevant field (agriculture) and 10 years of experience designing capacity building and training for public/private institutions.
- Knowledge of the agriculture sector, youth engagement, and/or private sector stakeholders.
- Ability to cultivate effective working relationships with private sector actors, university leaders, government officials, civil society organizations, education/training institutions, implementing partners, international donors, and other stakeholders.
- Strong leadership and teamwork skills, especially when working in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Proven expertise in co-creating, implementing and monitoring private sector strengthening activities
- English language fluency, with excellent oral and written communication skills.

Working hours

The employee establishes an employment relationship on a full time schedule. The full time schedule shall be eight (8) hours per day, amounting to forty (40) hours per week.