



FOOD SECURITY OFFICER - SOCIO ECONOMIST

General objectives

- The food security officer working in ACF will during his field work be expected to be involved in some or all of the following tasks with the overall objective of improving food security in the zone.
- To carry out a vulnerability analysis to assess and identify the needs of the population. The zones which are most at risk, most vulnerable are defined through macro-level and micro-level information collection using qualitative and quantitative (where applicable) techniques.
- The assessment leading to more detailed analysis of the context is followed by recommendations for development of a programme proposition to support the coping mechanisms of the population.
- As part of the analysis the post holder may carry out a nutritional causal analysis, monitor, follow population movements, understand the humanitarian context, monitor the evolution of the food security situation or develop a profile of the beneficiaries attending feeding centres.
- These assessments can vary in duration from a rapid assessment of a few days to one lasting several months and can be to feed into a food security analysis, an early warning system, an analysis of food needs or as a lobbying tool to advocate for better conditions for populations.

Responsibilities

- Programme implementation includes set up, planning, recruitment and training of support teams, precise definition of activities and supervision of the programming teams. Identification of beneficiaries is a crucial aspect.
- Monitoring is a key aspect of the programme and is carried out for the duration of the programme. Monitoring the state of food security in the area of operation is also part of the task.
- Specific projects include:
distribution of inputs - food, non-food items etc
income generation projects - food processing, crafts etc
micro-credit projects
- Projects can include liaison with local/international partners and the post holder is expected to represent ACF in food security meetings with local authorities, partner organisations and Govt bodies.
- Co-ordination with the other technical departments is essential.
- Report writing is a key aspect of all posts.

Qualification and previous experience :

- Graduate with background in sociology, development studies, anthropology, economics, community nutrition (this list is non-exhaustive),
- Further qualification with focus on developing countries
- 2 years work experience
- Previous overseas work experience preferable

Person profile :

1. Initiative and problem solving skills
 - ability to capitalise on past experience and information available within the organisation in order to become self-sufficient and autonomous quickly
 - ability to take initiative where appropriate to deal with difficulties encountered in daily work
2. Adaptability and flexibility
 - ability to adapt or change priorities according to the changing situation within a mission or the organisation itself
 - ability to work within a fluid situation (changes within the team, location of programmes)
 - willingness to live and work within a team and respect the rules of collective living
3. Motivation and involvement
 - motivation and commitment to humanitarian ideals

- interest in involvement beyond the job assigned i.e. active involvement in the ethos of the organisation itself
- ability to integrate into the local environment including awareness of political and economic aspects of the country.
- energy and stamina to withstand long working hours and often stressful conditions

4. Professionalism and Management

- ability to conduct work in a professional and mature manner
- ability to deal with relations with local authorities as a representative of Action Against Hunger
- ability to manage local staff in a mature and impartial manner

Length of contract : 1 year

Language : English