



KABAROLE RESEARCH & RESOURCE CENTRE (KRC)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Kabarole Research and Resource Centre (KRC) is a well-established NGO operating in the Rwenzori Region of Western Uganda. Founded in 1996, with a research mission and a long-term commitment to understanding the measures and drivers of poverty and its solutions, KRC has accumulated substantial experience in research and created numerous development programs based on community analyses of the activities which would be most helpful in achieving sustainable and equitable socio-economic development.

KRC invites applications for employment from suitable qualified dynamic and competent Ugandans willing to work with smallholder farmers and their organizations in the Rwenzori Region. The job will be on contractual basis depending on merit and requirements of **Farmers Enterprise Development Unit (FEDU)** for the following position:

2. POSITION: **AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- To facilitate interventions that address the total spectrum of production and marketing necessary to increase competitiveness of smallholder farmers.
- Provide customized agribusiness technical services to smallholder farmers and their organizations to increase production and marketing efficiency.
- To coordinate market analysis for the selected agricultural enterprises and map out opportunities that exist in the value chains.
- To use evidence based information to design and implement interventions that will contribute to the development of the value chain segments of the selected enterprises.
- To facilitate smallholder farmers to proactively engage in market analysis, decide on market linkages and negotiate for better terms.
- To regularly monitor and document results and case studies to inform the advocacy work of the unit.
- To develop farmers friendly tools and manuals that can be used to stimulate agribusiness development
- To network with Government, partners and coalitions to enhance marketing interventions.

QUALIFICATIONS

A bachelor degree in agricultural economics, agribusiness management, marketing or any other related field is required.

EXPERIENCE

minimum of 3 years experience in program implementation related to agriculture and/ or rural activities, with a focus on supporting small holder farmers and /or their organizations to access agriculture input and output markets; access advisory and business development services; increase production and marketing efficiency and enhance product competitiveness.

SKILLS

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated experience and ability to work in teams to drive both economic and civic change.
- Clear concise writing skills including logical and clear presentation skills and ability to comply to timelines
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with a range of grassroot stakeholders including farmers, farmer organizations, local leaders and District authorities.
- Highly developed communication skills (including public speaking, PR and one to one)
- Computer literacy in word processing using Microsoft and spread sheets is required.
- Ability to think strategically.
- Demonstrated experience in institutional fundraising will be an added advantage.

HOW TO APPLY

Application should be sent to the **Human Resource manager, Kabarole Research & Resource Center, plot 28, Mugurusi Road, P.O Box 782, Fort-Portal** and should include the following documentation:

- A complete and signed application letter
- A curriculum Vitae / Resume
- Copies of academic Transcripts
- Names, contact numbers and addresses of three (3) professional references.

CLOSING DATE

The application **MUST** reach Kabarole Research & Resource Center (KRC) office by close of business (5:00pm) on the day of **27th January 2012**