

## Field Officer (Makoni)

Location: [Africa] [Zimbabwe]

Town/City: Harare

Category: Food Security & Livelihood

Job Type: Fixed term, Full-time

### Background Information

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. We are a community of close to 40,000 staff working across the world to help change the lives of vulnerable children. Our supporters, partners and staff join forces with communities on the ground to help children enjoy good health, be educated for life, experience the love of God and their neighbours and be cared for, protected and participating in addressing issues that affect their lives. World Vision has been active in Zimbabwe since 1973. Our operations are spread across 9 out of 10 provinces, with a majority of over 1.75 million beneficiaries in rural areas. Our current programs focus on improving the well-being of boys and girls in three priority sectors: health and nutrition, livelihoods and education. We also focus on child protection, gender and disabilities, emergency assistance and resilience building as cross cutting priorities across our programs. World Vision Zimbabwe is committed to the safeguarding of staff, children and communities that we work with, preventing any type of unwanted behavior at work, including sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse, lack of integrity and financial misconduct. We are committed to promote the welfare of children, youth, adults and individuals with whom World Vision engages with. World Vision expects all staff to share this commitment through our conduct and behavior. We place a high priority on ensuring that only those who share and demonstrate our values are recruited to work with us. If you share the same vision and values, JOIN US and contribute to life in all its fullness for the children and communities we serve.

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## **Project Background**

World Vision Zimbabwe seeks to recruit a qualified Field Officer for the BEST livestock value chain project in Zimbabwe. BEST (Beef Enterprise Strengthening and Transformation) is a European Union (EU) funded project under Zimbabwe Agriculture Growth Programme (ZAGP), and is being implemented in 5 provinces of Zimbabwe: Manicaland, Masvingo, Mashonaland Central, Midlands and Matabeleland North. World Vision (WV) in partnership with Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and Sustainable Agriculture Technology (SAT), are the implementing partners in collaboration with Livestock and Meat Advisory Council (LMAC) and Zimbabwe Agriculture Development Trust (ZADT). The project seeks to create a robust, competitive beef value chain that promotes enhanced trade, employment creation, food security, and inclusive green economic growth; as well as improving the enabling environment for a sustainable and inclusive BVC (Beef Value Chain) in Zimbabwe.

## **Purpose of the Position:**

Responsible for the management of District livestock, beef value chain & livelihoods activities and coordinating all technical operations.

## **Major Accountabilities/ Responsibilities:**

- Regular visits to target communities to discuss with farmers their problems and experiences and learn about communities and agricultural practices relevant to the increased production of food for target communities.
- Network with relevant stakeholders and government ministries.
- Ensure the appropriate selection of target population to be recipients of agricultural inputs programs.

- Ensure the design of appropriate training methods and materials for use in local community development work and informal education activities.
- Plan, implement and monitor as per project design approved activities.
- Design appropriate training materials for use in local community development work and informal education activities.
- Train field staff and farmers on sustainable agricultural practices relevant to the increased production of food for the target communities.
- Coordinate with partners and stakeholders and project coordinator in the design of appropriate strategies for target population.
- Collect and analyse agricultural/livelihoods data and inform the project coordinator situation on food security in the district.
- Produce regular, situational timely progress reports regarding projects in the district.
- Participate in planning sessions and in the development of long term programme strategies.
- Focal person on all agriculture recovery / livelihoods programme activities at district level.

### **Knowledge and Skills**

- A degree in Agriculture, preferably majoring in Livestock, Animal Sciences, Natural Resources or any other related field. A Master's degree is an added advantage.
- At least 3 years' experience working within NGO sector- livestock, agricultural

production and development

- Holder of a valid class 4 driver's license. Williness to travel extensively within Zimbabwe/other countries.
- Fluency in English and local languages.
- In-depth working knowledge of livestock programme design.
- Good working knowledge of government and community structures.
- Demonstrate ability in the design and effective use of training materials.
- Knowledge of local agriculture laws as these relate to animal management & movement.
- Ability to demonstrate personal integrity and trustworthiness.
- Ability to identify gaps, trends, priorities and key issues.

**NB:** Shortlisting will be done as applications are received. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Female applicants are encouraged to apply.