



[Agri-Business and Value Chain Enhancement Coordinator - Role profile]

Location	Biu (Roving to other LGAs)	Department	International
Reports to (Job Title)	Senior Programme Coordinator, Livelihood & Resilience	Salary Band	D
Matrix manager (if applicable)	Click here to enter text.	Competency level	2

Role definition

Role purpose

Agri-Business and Value Chain Enhancement Coordinator is responsible to coordinate and implement aspects of Livelihoods and Market systems development interventions for Christian Aid Livelihood and Resilience program in Borno and Adamawa states, by specifically supporting the technical and effective implementation of CAID Livelihood response to resilience building in line with donors’ requirements and Christian Aid programme strategy. And to establish structured and sustainable markets for the selected smallholder farmers to sell their surplus produce. To also make formation of Marketing Committee among the farmer Producer Groups, Conduct TOT on Marketing Basics SMART Skills to Project Staff, Extension Agent and Field Agents

The role holder is required to apply a wide variety of market development tools and approaches and approaches in order improve innovation services, facilitate, and manage linkages between market actors in areas targeted by the project. Supports the development and implementation of all aspects of the programme including performance management, assessments, designing, planning, implementation, monitoring staff capacity building, reporting and technical support to the agricultural recovery and sustainable livelihoods programme.

To be responsible for supporting and managing Christian Aid partnerships and projects as well as the effective implementation of Livelihoods programme in some locations within Borno and Adamawa States and other states that Christian Aid is implementing livelihood. To contribute to the development of Christian Aid Livelihood and Resilience Strategy with a focus on both agriculture and non-agricultural based recovery initiatives for communities affected by conflict. Engage with relevant stakeholders and promote livelihood and resilience strategy with institutional donors. To contribute to the representation, brand management of the Christian Aid project portfolio, engage with and promote programme communication and fundraising, with institutional donors. Understanding of the sustainable livelihoods framework, understanding of agricultural recovery, resilience framework, humanitarian preparedness and response, value chain analysis, farming as a business and engaging market player,



rural finance, facilitating linkages and creating space for various players in the market to interact and enabling markets to work for the poor in fostering agricultural recovery.

Technical responsibility for designing and implementing all project crop farming (Agronomic) activities in the target communities in Biu LGA and other LGAs, both directly and indirectly through training/mentoring of project community volunteers and Program Officer Agronomy (POA), linking up with BOSADP, other NGOs and private sector actors at the community level.

Key outcomes

- Strengthen capacity of women on Leadership, Decision making and Negotiation skills for agribusiness
- To develop sustainable linkages between the smallholder farmers and value chain service providers such as agro-input suppliers, extension, and financial services.
- To establish structured and sustainable markets for the selected smallholder farmers to sell their surplus produce
- Formation of Marketing Committee among the farmer Producer Groups
- Conduct TOT on Marketing Basics SMART Skills to Project Staff, Extension Agent and Field Agents
- Stepdown Training on Marketing Basics to Marketing Committee and Producer Members
- Establish 500 market committees linked to off-takers and collaborating on market access and value chain mapping
- To improve the capacity of the smallholder farmers and farmer organizations to take advantage of the established markets, including aggregation capacity, commodity quality improvements
- Make way for farmers to have an account opened and access to credit sources
- WFP Funded Livelihood and Resilience projects are successfully managed following both WFP and Christian Aid's humanitarian policies and procedures.
- Christian Aid is represented at all levels, national and internationally.
- Oversee the timely field implementation of Livelihood and Resilience project according to proposals and ensure compliance with all donor requirements.
- Support the team in all locations of the project and other locations strengthen and promote community engagement processes in the project areas, particularly identifying project beneficiaries, assessing their needs, addressing and resolving community issues.
- Compliance with financial policies and procedures especially regarding WFP coordination requirements and other donor projects, but including reporting requirements and contribution made to other team members in the development and implementation, staff capacity building and training



- Significant grant proposals focusing on broad sustainable livelihoods, agricultural recovery, resilience work, private sector partnerships and market systems development based on strong planning and evaluation procedures using Christian Aid’s internal systems.
- Communicate and coordinate with project staff on technical questions related to livelihoods, resilience building and agricultural recovery, work planning, programme implementation and provide technical support to developing policies, strategies and plans related to food security and livelihoods, resilience building and agricultural recovery.
- Participate in the recruitment, management and development of high performing team who are meeting their objectives and ensure a safe working environment for all people involved in project implementation and maintain the highest standards of behaviour when engaging with stakeholders and working with project beneficiaries.
- Assess Livelihood, agriculture and Forestry needs based on a variety of sources, including assessments, technical data, early warning information, and reports from NGOs, the UN and other actors
- As a Livelihood and Resilience expert, coordinate the general humanitarian response with all stakeholders including humanitarian actors, Missions, Embassies, host governments, NGOs, and donors;
- This includes representing Christian Aid in the Food sector cluster and working group meetings and donor meetings. This also includes engagement with networks in order to increase the profile and visibility of Christian Aid.
- Effective projects and programmes delivered with impact in line with agreed aims.
- Project proposals completed, based on strong planning and evaluation procedures using Christian Aid’s internal systems. Funds used for designated purposes.
- Manage the community project plans and make recommendations for approval of community project activities in relation to Agronomy and Forestry
- Identify and facilitate training of beneficiaries on all aspects of Agronomy and Forestry as required
- Facilitate Agronomy and Forestry related surveys in communities.
- Prepare action plans and provide direct support to beneficiaries and project assistants through visits, in line with the action plans and as required.
- Ensure all documentation, reports, and records from the community on agronomy and Forestry are maintained per agreed procedure, and information is provided on these community activities as required.
- Support beneficiaries and community groups to conduct assessments/project activities for all especially women in the communities.
- Work on relevant agronomic value chain actors and their service providers (Private BDS providers)

Role agility

Expected travel per annum

Up to 75 days

On call/unsocial hours Yes



Surge capacity for emergency responses No

In order to respond to ever changing demands within the environment, Christian Aid operates within an agile framework (both in workforce and operational) that requires from all employees, a high level of responsiveness and adaptiveness to processes and structures making flexibility and a project based working approach the norm. To sustain this system, managers may/will agree further details of specific tasks and duties as part of the performance agreement. Any reasonable duty may be assigned that is consistent with the nature of the job and its level of responsibility, and employees may be required to change the focus of their role from time to time.

Role context

The role works within the International Programmes role family positioned in Biu with coverage of some LGAs like, Hawul, Bayo, Kwayakusar in Borno State and some LGAs in Adamawa like Madagali and Michika LGAs, the role is part of the wider Nigeria Country Humanitarian Response Team. The role works closely and directly with The Senior Programme Coordinator (SPC) Livelihood and Resilience based in Maiduguri and Humanitarian Response Manager as well as other colleagues from the Nigeria team in the design, proposal development for fundraising, implementation and monitoring of key outcomes. The position will be based in Biu and cover Hawul, Bayo, Kwayakusar, Madagali and Michika LGAs, Nigeria with frequent trips to other project locations in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa of Nigeria. The role holder will directly line manage and support all the livelihood programme staff based in Biu and working for Small Holder Farmer project and externally support SPC Livelihoods to represent CA in Sustainable Livelihoods, Agricultural Recovery and Resilience. In addition, working with humanitarian markets, private sector, value chain and market system development and encouraging entrepreneurial approaches based on WFP, FAO and other donor-funded agricultural recovery requirements. Furthermore, support the livelihood programme team reporting in accordance with Christian Aid’s and donor requirements.

The role should provide community project supervision, promotes and values participatory approaches at the community level throughout the projects cycle, awareness-raising and sensitisation, and all related program activities, Pre and Post Agronomic activities Monitoring (PAM) of agronomic activities as well as monitoring and evaluation under the direct supervision of the Programme Coordinator. During the absence of the Program Coordinator, the POA will wholly be accountable for the project under the direct supervision of the Senior Programme Coordinator Maiduguri.

Role requirements

Relationships

External Represents Christian Aid with external actors including donors and government
Working closely with local and State governments stakeholder partners, LGA Agricultural Extension Officers, WFP and FAO Counterparts, Food Security Cluster Counterparts to ensure effective



management and coordination of the programmes focusing on sustainability and livelihoods, resilience building, inclusive market development and entrepreneurship building

Internal Works with the Maiduguri team and relevant country departments.

Decision making

Budgetary/savings responsibility

- Make decisions day-to-day decisions which ensure that all livelihood and resilience projects are implemented in a very highly effective and efficient manner.
- Required to make significant decisions on programme work in the field with special focus on Agricultural and Non-agricultural based Livelihoods and Resilience building based on Christian Aid strategic direction in Nigeria.
- Leads Small Holder Farmer project team and ensures the workgroup is effectively managed.
- Support the Senior Programme Coordinator (SPC) Livelihood and Resilience on WFP livelihood and resilience project budget tracking and other assignments

Analytical skills

- The post holder is responsible for the overall field level livelihood and resilience project and is expected to work with initiative and innovation, using their analytical skills and make recommendations in close consultation with The Senior Programme Coordinator (SPC) Livelihood and Resilience to the humanitarian response manager and country team.
- The role holder must have the ability to collect and analyse data/intelligence from Agricultural Interventions, Sustainable Livelihoods Framework, Resilience analyses and interventions

Developing self and others

Number of Direct reports 2

Overall people management responsibility 2

- The post holder is expected to line manage 2 staff(Agronomy Officers)
- The post holder is expected to work independently with support from the Senior Programme Coordinator (SPC) Livelihood and Resilience who provides leadership and influencing strategies within the team and ensures the upholding of humanitarian standards and principles by Christian Aid staff and partners. Key skills required are being able to effectively manage from a distance as well as be able to influence the decisions of colleagues at all level range of seniority levels.
- May have the direct responsibility for developing, coaching and motivating one or more staff, undertaking performance reviews and developing action plans to improve the performance of others, whether staff or volunteers.
- Support the subject matter specialist on the Small Holder Famer Livelihoods Project and the entire team to better understand work on enabling poor people to strengthen their Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilience through accessing competitive markets and adopting entrepreneurial approaches. Leading in developing staff and partners' understanding of the Sustainable livelihood and the resilience framework.

Role related checks

Child protection clearance Standard **Counter terrorism screening** Required

Person specification

Applied skills/knowledge and expertise

Essential

- A degree in a discipline related to Agricultural Extension, Agricultural Economics, Development Studies, Development Economics, Agriculture, Food Security and Disaster Risk Management or relevant discipline with at least 5 years of experience. A postgraduate qualification is an added advantage.
- Alternatively, Graduate qualification in any of Agricultural Economics, Development Studies, Development Economics, Agriculture, Food Security and / Sociology with at least 6 years experience in the Livelihood Sector.
- This position demands a dynamic individual with a demonstrated ability to work hard and achieve results in a demanding, fast-paced and often insecure environment.
- At least 5 years of experience in Livelihoods, Market-driven approaches, cash for work programming, post-conflict agricultural recovery with an understanding of agricultural extension and communication, entrepreneurship, agricultural nutrition intervention and vocational training.
- Minimum one-year aid-related International NGO experience in North-East Nigeria.
- Project management skills.
- Good knowledge of and experience working with IDPs in Nigeria.
- Good understanding of gender-sensitive programming.
- Good interpersonal, organizational and communication skills.
- Have strong problem-solving abilities and capacity to solve complex issues related to project delivery.
- Knowledge of capacity building tools; Sphere and Red Cross Code of Conduct; of HAP standards.
- Detail orientation and ability to work independently and meet deadlines.
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Knowledge of the local language like Bura/Higgi and Hausa an added advantage

Desirable

- Specialized qualification/Experience in Livelihoods and Resilience programmes in emergency and/or rural development work.
- Ability to speak and understand basic Hausa
- Understanding of the political, social and economic context of the region and the humanitarian/development issues and challenges it faces of peace building and conflict resolution.
- Upholding the Humanitarian Principles and affirmatively engage the most vulnerable community members while valuing inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, agility, collaboration, innovation and sustainability

Digital/IT competencies required



Word, Excel, PowerPoint	Advanced	Web content design & development	Basic
Internet based collaboration tools and video calling	Intermediate	Social Media	Advanced
Data Visualisation	Intermediate		
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