

INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT – SOCIAL SCIENTIST

Social Scientist (Analysis of Impacts of Livestock Disease and its Mitigation)

(position Ref: [MK/SLD/07/09](#), based at ILRI's campus in Nairobi, Kenya)

The Africa-based, globally networked International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) helps to reduce poverty, hunger and environmental degradation by enhancing animal agriculture in developing countries. ILRI's headquarters are in Nairobi, Kenya, and staff are also based in 7 partner institutions in other parts of Africa and Asia. We employ more than 700 staff from about 40 countries and are one of 15 centres around the world sponsored by the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

ILRI seeks to recruit a professional for its Livestock Market Opportunities Research Theme. Applicants should possess:

- A passion for the generation of scientific knowledge that advances pro-poor Development;
- A proven research record extending to study design, quantitative and qualitative analytic methods and peer-reviewed output;
- A Ph.D. in Social Science (Rural Sociology, Agricultural Economics, Social Anthropology, etc) or related field with application to agriculture or rural development, and a minimum of 5 years of experience post-PhD;
- Experience with sustainable livelihood approaches, impact analysis, institutional analysis, and participatory methods in research;
- Familiarity with aspects of livestock production, and/or marketing systems in developing countries; familiarity with animal disease and the organisations mandated with disease control
- Strong English language skills, both written and spoken (proficiency in other languages are an advantage); and
- Willingness to travel frequently, sometimes to rural areas in developing countries.

The position requires supervision of post-graduate and post-doctoral staff, participation in resource mobilization, and project cycle management.

The **Social Scientist** will contribute to on-going and new research on:

- (a) Social and livelihood impacts of animal disease, and its reduction through public and private sector action, at household, community and industry level;
- (b) Development and use of new methods for the analysis of social and economic impacts of livestock-related policies at local, national and international levels.
- (c) Analysis of the public and private organisations and actors that influence animal disease control, and identification of incentives and mechanisms to improve disease outcomes

Terms of appointment: The above is a fixed term appointment for three years. ILRI offers a competitive international remuneration package paid in US dollars, including children's education allowance, pension, housing allowance, paid home leave annually and full international health insurance coverage.

Applications: Applicants should send a cover letter indicating interest in the position, *curriculum vitae* and the names and addresses (including telephone, fax and email) of three referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience to the Human Resources Manager, email: recruit-ilri@cgiar.org. The name and reference number of the position for which the application is made should be clearly marked on the subject line of the email applications. Screening of applications will commence on 28th August 2009.

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ILRI is an equal opportunity employer and is keen to further diversify its staff in terms of both gender and nationality.

Qualified women and professionals from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply.

