

Job Description

Position Title: Agric Officer

Location: Bokkos LGA, Plateau State, Nigeria

Reports to: Program Manager

Background:

Justice Development and Peace/Caritas (JDPC) is one of the seven commissions of the Catholic Archdiocese of Jos registered with CAC as **Social Justice and Human Development for Peace Initiative**. This Commission is responsible for social development activities in the Archdiocese. Though the JDPC is an organization within the Catholic Church its activities do not benefit only Catholics or Christians. The *JDPC serves all Humanity regardless of religious or ethnic affiliation*. It is involved in different aspects of human development, these include: Democracy and Good governance, Civic Education, Agriculture, Rural Water Supply, Human Rights/Legal Aid, Street Children, juvenile delinquencies (Under the Care for Children Programme, Prison Ministry, Women Empowerment and Peace Building.

● **Summary of the situation in Bokkos**

Bokkos LGA is located in the central part of Plateau State with a projected population of 264, 100 people. For over 10 years, Bokkos LGA has been plagued by sustained killings, resulting in the death of hundreds of people and the destruction of houses and farmlands, leaving a trail of devastation and despair in its wake as many have forcefully left their ancestral land to leave as IDPs in neighboring communities. The sustained attacks on Bokkos over the past decade have had far-reaching implications on farmers as they are unable to tend to their crops, herders fear venturing into the fields with their livestock, and market traders struggle to make ends meet in an atmosphere of fear and insecurity. Proficient agricultural experts to revive and bring to stability the once-thriving economy of Bokkos will be of utmost importance.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Leading in the implementation of Agricultural Project Activities in local communities with strong emphasis on female involvement.
- Lead the organization of meeting with community leaders, IDPs and Host households, in farmer's mobilization and organization.
- Assist the program manager in the selection of all program participants and the implementation of the MEAL System.
- Act as a link between the project staff and the targeted communities in Project Operational areas.
- Lead Seed & Tool Fair Organization.
- Lead farmers training and monitor the practical application of the knowledge, skills and techniques acquired and adapted by farmers.
- Report on farmer's performance and improvement in crops and vegetable husbandry.

- Report weekly and monthly on project progress to the program manager.
- Any duties as required by Program manager.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture
- At least 3-year experience in the implementation of similar agricultural projects.
- Demonstrated skills in working with farmers group.
- Demonstrated skills in basic farm management.
- Basic Agriculture Extension skills
- Ability to mobilize Community groups, in particular IDPs.
- Experience working with IDPs and vulnerable communities.
- Demonstrated ability to work in partnership with various actors.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
- Willingness to travel frequently and work in insecure and physically and mentally challenging environment.

Required Language: Speaks and understands English and Hausa

Disclaimer: This job description is not an exhaustive list of the skill, effort, duties, and responsibilities associated with the position.