



Centre for Economic and Social Development

No. (27), Pyay Road, 6 ½ Mile, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar. www.myanmarcesd.org Tel: +95 1 654770, Fax: +95 1 654771

Vacancy Announcement

The Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD) is a leading think tank in Myanmar supporting evidence-based policy making while dedicating to result-based knowledge sharing and people-centered public advocacy; The Centre undertakes participatory research studies related to economic reforms, sustainable development, and good governance in Myanmar. It also provides training and education services for key stakeholders, public institutions and private sector organizations contributing to economic transformation of Myanmar. The Centre implements special projects and provides technical assistance and support services to various government agencies and local institutions while actively engaging in public and advocacy and dissemination.

The Program: The program is a joint initiative with Michigan State University (MSU), a premier research university in Missouri, U.S., and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), a leading research and policy institute based in Washington, D.C., U.S. both working on food security and rural economic development. The aims are to provide evidence-based policy alternatives on food security and rural development to further sustainable development of Myanmar. The activities include rural household surveys, case studies, risks and impact assessments, value chain assessments of agri-food products, research trainings, outreach activities, and food security policy advocacy.

- Job Title** : **Research Assistant**
(Food Security Policy and Rural Development Program)
- Number of position** : **1**
- Location** : **Yangon, with potential travel to Nay Pyi Taw and field Research areas**
- Duration of Contract** : **One year (with the possibility of extension)**
- Main purpose of the job** : To support research functions and operations of a food security policy and rural development program consisting of rural household surveys, case studies, risk and impact assessments, agribusiness value chain assessments, research trainings and policy advocacy.
- Scope of Job:** Research Planning for Methodology and Implementation, Secondary Data Research, Field Research, Data Analysis, Report Writing, External Relations.

Duties and Key Responsibilities

- Work closely with Research Supervisor, other Research Associates, international experts and other researchers for research planning and implementation
- Assist Research Associates and Research Supervisor ,in implementing an intensive schedule of scoping missions ,pre-tests, research trainings, surveys, case studies, risks and impact assessments and policy advocacy events
- Assist in data entry, cleaning and analysis
- Write reports in collaboration with Research Associate and other researchers
- Attend internal trainings and relevant external events



Centre for Economic and Social Development

No. (27), Pyay Road, 6 ½ Mile, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar. www.myanmarcesd.org Tel: +95 1 654770, Fax: +95 1 654771

- Help prepare reports for internal monitoring as well as for fulfillment of donor requirements
- Participate in CESD's evidence –based policy formation discussions
- Nurture good practices of information sharing and a learning environment among members of the research department
- Other assignments in accordance with the scope of work as delegated by Research Associates and Research Supervisor

This job description is not exhaustive; it merely outlines the key duties and responsibilities of the post. Any changes to this job description will be made in consultation with the post holder.

Qualification and attributes:

- Bachelor's Degree required in relevant field (Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Agribusiness, Rural Development) preferred
- 2+ years working experience in research, preferably in agricultural economics, food security, agri-business or value chain studies or experience in food security, agri-business, or value chain studies or experience in food security-related humanitarian recovery
- Experience working with government, business or civil society (multi-sector experience preferred) a plus
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Myanmar languages
- Ability and willingness to travel within Myanmar
- Able to work in a multicultural environment
- Good communication skills and ability to build amiable relationships with coworkers

Interested applicants should apply by sending a cover letter and CV or resume to cesdhringmanager@gmail.com (or) Centre for Economic and Social Development, No. 27, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon (behind 6 and half miles bus stop) **by 13th October 2017**. CESD will contact only shortlisted candidates for an interview.

CESD is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome and encourage applications from minority and under-represented groups. Learn more about CESD at www.myanmarcesd.org

Application deadline: (Friday) 13th October 2017