**Job Description**

**Deputy Chief of Party/Livestock Advisor**

**About CNFA**

CNFA is a not-for-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. dedicated to stimulating sustainable growth in the agricultural sector. CNFA specializes in fostering private sector investments in training, new technologies and marketing as a means to increase the overall competitiveness of agricultural value chains, expand exports and develop skills in the rural workforce. By generating higher incomes for farmers, processors, entrepreneurs and distributors, CNFA helps improve livelihoods and reduce poverty.

The objective of the proposed Yeshiwogen Project is to develop locally acceptable dietary diversification methods for the refugee and host communities in the Northern Tigray Region of Ethiopia for the U.S. State Department Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM). The main goal is to bring long-term changes in the targeted woredas regarding the consumption of high-nutritional food by analyzing gaps in the current access to and utilization of food systems in the targeted woredas.

**Position Description**

Working under direct supervision of the project’s Chief of Party, the **Deputy Chief of Party/Livestock Advisor** is responsible for providing technical advisory support to the Project to ensure that host communities and refugee communities receive high quality support regarding small ruminant and poultry husbandry management. The Deputy Chief of Party/Livestock Advisor will lead delivery of new livestock practices and innovations through farm demonstrations to smallholder farmers both in refugee camps and in host communities via the newly established Farm Service Center (FSC) and collaborate with other relevant development projects in the region to ensure proper coordination between program components. The **Deputy Chief of Party/Livestock Advisor** will represent the Project in the absence of the Chief of Party.

**Major Duties and Responsibilities**

The main duties of the **Deputy Chief of Party/Livestock Advisor** are:

* Develop and oversee trainings for refugees and host community members on small ruminant and poultry production, forage production, basic farm technology identification and selection;
* Work with the technical team to organize and conduct training programs and seminars to industry stakeholders on best practices and innovations in small ruminants and poultry industry;
* Interface with livestock value chain actors and service providers, Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (GFDRE) officials working in the small ruminants and poultry sector, and other small ruminants and poultry value chain stakeholders;
* Develop success stories related to smallholder’s best practices and innovations as a result of the Project’s interventions;
* Participate or lead development of training manuals, tools, procedures, and materials in small ruminants and poultry management and husbandry practices;
* Participate in grant application reviews committee and provide technical assistance in grant application selection processes;
* Lead the development of technical Scopes of Work for recruitment of international consultants as required. This task also requires the management of consultant’s recommendations and follow-up on the implementation of consultant’s recommendations;
* Provide technical assistance to grantees during grants implementation of both small grants and voucher programs;
* In conjunction with the Chief of Party, provide thorough and timely reports to the US Department of State and CNFA on small ruminants and poultry-related training activities of the program;
* Acts as Chief of Party in the absence of the Chief of Party; and
* Other duties as required by Chief of Party.

**Qualifications/Requirements**

* BSc or Master’s degree in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Production, Animal Nutrition or other relevant field
* At least 5 – 7 years (for BSc) or 3 – 5 years (for MSc) experience in livestock or agribusiness capacity building, extension and outreach services and livestock input supply value chains.
* Understanding of Ethiopia’s agricultural system, with a broad perspective on veterinary drug usage and supply system.
* Experience in USG funding or other donor-funded programs a plus.
* Strong management, communications, and leadership skills.
* Excellent adaptive problem-solver in challenging environment.
* Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
* Fluency in English and in Amharic is required, and fluency in Tigrigna is strongly preferred
* Proficient Microsoft Office user