



Programme coordinator: Act Now (36h)

Based in: Arnhem, the Netherlands

About Agriterra

Agriterra is the world's leading not-for-profit agri-agency from-and-for agricultural cooperatives and farmer organisations. Our mission is to strengthen organised farmers in developing and emerging countries, given the importance of effectively organised farmers to sustainably address food security, economic development, climate adaptation and mitigation. We are financed and work via donor-granted projects and programmes. These long-lasting strategic partnerships with a variety of donors are key for us in our day-to-day work. For more information, visit our website www.agriterra.org.

About the job

'Acting Now for Food Security and Resilient Systems' (Act Now) is a new programme financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Inclusive Green Growth, IGG) and executed in coalition with Solidaridad. The programme is positioned as an immediate response to the current growing food crisis in Africa, spanning a total of 20 million EUR of which Agriterra will manage and execute 10 million EUR in the next three years. The duration of the programme is from December 1, 2022, to December 31, 2025; and the implementation is planned in the following 6 countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, DRC, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda.

Agriterra focuses on the implementation of the 'Act Now' programme on food security interventions, contributing to a more measurable impact on SDG 2 (Zero Hunger); in partnership with 100 existing, and in some cases new, farmer organisations. Act Now is ambitious and to a certain extent, new terrain for Agriterra. The 'Act Now' programme goes a step further in making meaningful and systemic impact on Food Security (SDG2). The Act Now programme aims to reach 100 farmer organisations in the 6 countries representing 179,400 member farmers. Through our support, measurable impact is to be achieved a.o.:

- 30,000 member farmers seeing an income increase of at least 10%
- Committing 15,000 hectares to sustainable land management practices
- 20,000 farmers witnessing an improvement in productivity of at least 20%

Profile

Agriterra seeks a talented, entrepreneurial, result-oriented, and hands-on colleague who will coordinate the Act Now programme from its conception through to its completion (including end evaluation) ensuring an excellent external reputation and partnership with relevant external parties.

This is a multi-faceted function, focused on realising and surpassing external demands of transparency, accountability, and reputational impact of Agriterra. As a real team player coordinate partnership relations and internal coherence of programme execution.

Task and responsibilities

The Act Now programme coordinator is responsible for an excellent relationship with the grantor (the Dutch ministry of foreign affairs), our coalition partner (Solidaridad) and internal stakeholders as the Act Now project leads in the six countries, the regional managers, the programme coordinator of the farmer focused transformation programme and other relevant stakeholders.

The Act Now coordinator is pro-actively securing an excellent partnership relation with all stakeholders involved in the execution of the programme within the overall parameters of Agriterra's global strategy. In doing so, ensure a high-quality project design and implementation.

Specifically, the Act Now Programme Coordinator is responsible for:

- Alliance with the coalition partner Solidaridad. A specific feature of the Act Now programme is the coalition in implementation with our partner Solidaridad. The Programme Coordinator plays a pivotal role in the communication in this partnership.
- Coherency of the Act Now programme. Support mutual learning and alignment in the implementation in the six countries by organising and facilitating pro-active exchange.
- Planning of the Act Now programme: The Act Now coordinator coordinates as needed with the project leads in the six countries the planning and budgeting.
- Reporting of the Act Now program: Support, in close cooperation with the project leads, the FFT Coordinator and the M&E staff and the Finance staff, the financial and technical reporting to the donor (DGIS) and ensure all DGIS regulations for project implementation and reporting are followed.
- External promotion of the Act Now programme. Build and maintain a network of relevant stakeholders to the programme, in which the Act Now coordinator has a pro-active ambassador role of the whole programme through seminars, workshops, conferences, congresses, and social media, led by a -to be drafted- Act Now programme communication plan.
- External FFT program baseline & evaluation: At the start of the programme a base line study is planned, and at the end of the programme a final evaluation is planned; to be executed by an external party. The programme coordinator is responsible for the preparation of the evaluation (internally), the recruitment, the contracting and the liaison function towards the externally contracted party aiming to have a sound evaluation that delivers important lessons learnt for the succession of the programme in the years to come.

Organisation

The Act Now coordinator reports directly to the CEO of Agriterra. It concerns a staff position, implying that the line organisation (project leads under supervision of regional managers) is managing the implementation of the Act Now programme. The Act Now programme coordinator is supporting the implementation, coordinating the different staff and stakeholders in the programme, with the objective of programme excellence both internally as in externally reputation.

The posting of the Act Now coordinator is at the Head Office in the Netherlands. Regular travelling is involved, to regional meetings, to podia to promote the programme, and to possible strategic partners to the programme.

The CEO, the Farmers Focussed Transformation programme coordinator and the Act Now programme coordinator regularly coordinate to ensure a proper alignment of both (to some extent overlapping) programmes.

What do you offer?

- Bachelor level of education in relevant field such as Business Administration or International Development added with 3+ years of experience in a similar role, within the International Development Sector.
- Demonstratable experience in coordinating a complex long-term development project, including reporting and monitoring.
- Experience and knowledge of business development and acquisition work, programme budget setting and management.
- Knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals, The Dutch Foreign Development Policy on topics on Food Security and Climate Change, Gender, and youth. Preference for affinity with the agricultural cooperative sector.
- A relevant network in the international development sector, preferably experience with programmes subsidised by DGIS.
- Fluent English (speaking and writing), Dutch would be an asset.

What do we offer!

- Salary between EUR 3.518 and 5.463 gross per month (based on experience).
- End-of-year bonus.
- Blended office and remote working.
- Developmental opportunities including an education fund.
- Wonderful workplace in the city centre of Arnhem & great colleagues!

Interested?!

Are you interested in this position, and do you fit the profile? Apply with a cover letter and curriculum via e-mail to vacancy@agriterra.org, to the attention of Marco Schouten, CEO, with reference code AG2322.

The selection process consists of two interviews.

If you require further information, you can contact us by sending an e-mail.