

## **Job Description-Project Manager, MANDI**

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### **ABOUT THE ORGANISATION**

ACCESS Development Services is a national livelihoods promotion organization with focus on incubating innovations and sustainable models for livelihoods promotion of the poor. ACCESS operates in 14 states across the country, with programmes in both rural and urban locations, as well as in both farm and the non-farm sector. Currently, ACCESS supports over 310,00 households, strengthening their livelihoods and moving those from subsistence to sustainable levels through a clutch of intertwined interventions.

### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

Under the proposed MANDI programme, ACCESS plans to reach out to 50,000 farmers in 5-7 districts of Assam across various identified commodities through strategic partnerships with select NGOs and umbrella organisations who have promoted FPOs in the state. Under the MANDI programme, capacities of partner organisations will be built in better FPO management, and a professional cadre will be created for handholding FPOs promoted by them. The NGOs will be provided with structured technical assistance and capacity building inputs through well-designed FPO Management modules, that ACCESS will develop across relevant thematic areas. Based on the crops identified, efforts will also be made on productivity enhancement at the farmer level through improved Package of Practices. Through MANDI, ACCESS will aspire to make Assam as a hub for excellence in FPO promotion.

### **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES**

ACCESS Development Services is currently looking to hire an experienced Project Manager to lead the exciting MANDI project by managing internal and external stakeholders, mentoring the field teams in achieving their goals and expanding the scope of the project by building required partnerships. Broadly, the incumbent will be responsible for managing the following key activities:

- Identify and select FPO promoting umbrella and non-government organisations
- Select FPOs promoted by partner organisations to be included under the project
- Guide and mentor field teams for strengthening the FPOs
- Undertake training activities on the field, with support from in-house and empaneled trainers, to build capacities of FPOs
- Facilitate backward and forward linkages for making the FPOs sustainable
- Facilitate financial linkages with Financial Institutions
- Conduct regular field visits to guide field teams and monitor project progress
- Work closely with project marketing manager to develop market linkages (online and offline) for identified commodities
- Regularly interact with the donor to keep them updated about the project and share developments in the field
- Ensure timely submission of reports to the donor

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Post Graduate in Agriculture / Agribusiness/ Rural Management/ Social Work (full-time)
- Atleast 12 years of experience, of which atleast 5 years must be in promoting/ strengthening Farmer Producer Organisations
- Experience in managing large / diverse teams, donor / stakeholder management
- Excellent interpersonal, communications, public speaking, and presentation skills

#### **COMPENSATION**

Salary range in this position is commensurate to industry standards and will be determined based upon experience and fixed as per the HR policies of the organization.

**Interested candidates should send an up-to-date CV and cover letter addressing the above requirements to [sukhbir@accessdev.org](mailto:sukhbir@accessdev.org). Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Deadline is April 5, 2022.**