

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

22nd October 2024.

AGRICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER

The Organization

Ol Pejeta Conservancy ("Ol Pejeta") is home to a key-one population of the *Critically Endangered* eastern black rhino, and to the last two northern white rhinos in the world. It is the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees, in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. It has some of the highest predator densities in Kenya, and still manages a very successful livestock Programme. Ol Pejeta also seeks to support the people living around its borders, to ensure wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

We are seeking a high calibre, self-motivated and dedicated applicant to fill the position of **Agriculture Extension Officer**.

Role summary

Position: Agriculture Extension Officer

Type: Non - Unionisable.

Reports to Senior Agriculture Officer.

Department: Community Development Programs.

Location: Kenya.

Closing Date: Friday, 1st November 2024.

Role Summary

Improving the livelihoods of communities surrounding OI Pejeta through dry-land farming techniques, climate-smart agriculture, drip irrigation, and the development of market and enterprise opportunities for farmers in the community. Responsible for overseeing and managing water issues in the community.

Responsibilities:

- 1. Provide relevant training and skills development to community members on sustainable agriculture practices and scale-up successful experiences, e.g., Beans seeds, kitchen gardens, Integrating livestock and crops through fodder farming, crop rotation, and planting of cover crops.
- 2. Lead stakeholder dialogue and consultation meetings with farming communities and link them to opportunities related to value addition in agriculture and livestock enterprises.
- 3. Coordinate the development and use of demonstration plots or similar agricultural development practices and the scaling of successful approaches and smart technology.
- 4. Support the development of increased market linkages for farming households. Linkages of farmers to service providers on water harvesting structures.
- 5. Provide relevant training and skills development to the membership of Water Resource Uses, Associations within the conservancy. Assist in conflict management within the community if need be.
- 6. Support in M&E work within CDP and the landscape as required and guided.

Qualifications and Skills:

a) Qualification.

- Diploma and above in the relevant field
- Computer Literacy

b) Experience.

- Minimum 3 years of relevant job experience
- Motor vehicle/motorbike driving license

c) Skills

- Detail-oriented with excellent organizational, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills
- Ability to thrive in a high-paced, fast-turnaround business
- Be positive, motivated, ambitious, and proactive, with a "can-do" attitude.
- Adaptable ability to respond quickly to a shifting reality and adjust initiatives and priorities accordingly
- Great interpersonal, communication, and collaboration skills

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested and qualifying candidates should submit their CV and application letter only to jobs@olpejetaconservancy.org with the words "AGRICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER" on the email subject line so as to reach us no later than Friday, 1st November 2024.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds who share our commitment to conservation and community empowerment

Shortlisting shall be done on a rolling basis, and only the shortlisted shall be contacted