

Vacancy Announcement

Research Officer

Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) is a Kathmandu based research institute. SIAS aims to utilize its research to create state-of-the-art knowledge on environmental, socio-economic and political issues in the South Asian region to understand and influence policy challenges and sustainable development. For more details, please visit: www.sias-southasia.org.

SIAS invites application from qualified candidates who are highly motivated, pro-active, committed and result-oriented for the position of **Research Officer** in Ramechhap district.

Major Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide institutional and technical support to agricultural cooperative and farmers groups in Ramechhap district to increase agricultural production, value addition and marketing.• Maintain good working relationship with women entrepreneurs, cooperatives, government line agencies, financial institutions and market players.• Facilitate action research initiatives in the project site, and support data collection and dissemination activities.• Provide support to the project beneficiaries in the project district to improve production/productivity of agricultural products and meet quality standards.• Provide support to develop and implement branding and marketing plan to increase the sales of cooperatives' products.• Coordinate capacity development initiatives for local women-led cooperatives and women entrepreneurs.• Coordinate with relevant line agencies, extension service providers, local government units, non-government organizations and private sector actors to access various technical, financial and material services.• Capacitate women champions in the project sites and mobilize them for the collective benefit of women farmers.• Provide necessary data and information to the thematic leaders and SIAS as and when required including preparation of case study reports.• Devolving case stories, photo stories and other documentations based on the field learning.• Support co-operative in the ongoing legumes research on production and product branding.
Duration and duty station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The position is initially for 15 months with a probation period of three months and will be continued based on the performance.
Qualifications and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least Bachelors in Natural Resource Management, Development Studies, Business Management or Sociology with at least 3 years of professional experience in agriculture value chains, agri-business, and women empowerment.• Ability to deliver assigned tasks with minimal supervision, including strong time management, computer and communication skills.
Salary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salary will be commensurate with experience and proven track records.
To apply	To apply for this position, please e-mail your updated CV and a cover letter by outlining your (a) capacity, (b) reasons for applying for this job, and (c) expected salary by 10 October 2022 to career@sias-southasia.org by mentioning 'Research Officer' in the subject line.

For this particular position, priority is given to women and local to the project district.

Only short-listed candidates will be called for further recruitment process. Telephone inquiries will not be entertained and may lead to disqualification of the candidate.