

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 for project district Arghakhanchi.

Major Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide institutional and technical support to local partner cooperatives/group in planning and institutional development to increase vegetables production, value addition and marketing.• Strengthen local market mechanisms- operationalize cold storages and haat bazar for the marketing of vegetables.• Contribute to identify and remove gender-based constraints to women's economic empowerment through awareness, capacity growth and exposure.• Enhance technical skills of farmers in vegetables production, and value addition through establishment of product-based action-research plots.• Facilitate women farmers/entrepreneurs to use digital technology for access to information and services.• Facilitate women farmers/entrepreneurs to increase access to finance.• Maintain good working relationship with women entrepreneurs, cooperatives, government line agencies, financial institutions and market players.• Document case studies, photo stories and other research initiatives ongoing in the project sites.• Support CREW research team in data collection, organizing local level events like deliberative forums, trainings and others.• 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.
Duration and duty station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a field-based position initially for 1 year with the possibility of extension.
Qualifications and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least Bachelors in Agriculture (agronomy), Forestry, Natural Resource Management, Development Studies, and Sociology with at least 3 years of professional experience in agriculture value chains, agri-business management, 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 14 December 2022 to career@sias-southasia.org by mentioning 'Research Officer' in the subject line.

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

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