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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Background

IFDC is an International Center for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development (www.ifdc.org), whose mission is to increase sustainable agricultural productivity through the development and transfer of effective and environmentally sound plant nutrient technology and agricultural marketing expertise.

IFDC's activities in East and Southern Africa are managed from its Regional Office in Nairobi-Kenya which opened in August 2009. IFDC is implementing a program named Strengthening Regional Trade in Agricultural Inputs in Africa (STAR) in collaboration with COMESA and EAC. One of the objectives of STAR is to improve access to timely and accurate agricultural input information. To achieve this, IFDC is establishing a regional Agricultural Input Market Information System (AMITSA) in eight pilot countries.

We are recruiting a database administrator who will assist the Market Information Systems (MIS) specialist based at the IFDC East & Southern Africa Division (ESAFD) office in Nairobi to implement proposed set of activities related to AMITSA in the selected countries.

Scope of work

The database administrator will be supervised by the MIS Specialist, East and Southern Africa Division. Specific tasks include:

- Organize and maintain the regional input information database
- Monitor quality and quantity of data collected by the agro dealers
- Call agro dealers to verify price data and get other relevant input information
- Post on AMITSA website relevant documents and data available on the agro inputs subsector
- Assess, analyze and organize data received from other IFDC projects and partners
- Categorize and flag data to ensure appropriate sharing with other IFDC Input MIS and website

Profile

The database administrator will have:

- A degree in agriculture / and economics or computer science
- At least 1-2 years of experience in the field of agro input production or marketing, preferably as a database manager / information officer
- Experience in database management
- Conversant with Office DB software [excel, access] and with internet
- Knowledge of common web and query languages e.g. html, xml and php
- Ability to work under pressure with minimal supervision from management

Post

The position will be National Position posted in IFDC's Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Application

Qualified applicants are invited to send their résumé or CV to the IFDC ESAFD Director, via email to ifdckenya@ifdc.org. Please reference the job title **Database Administrator** in the subject line of your email. Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until Feb 3rd 2010.