

Job Title: Senior Agronomy Intern

- Sumbawanga, Tanzania
- Intern
- Contract type: Internships

Company Description

SNV Netherlands Development Organization is an international not-for-profit development organization, with over 50 years of working to support Tanzanian communities, we have a long track record of achieving scale and sustainability that makes a lasting difference in the lives of people in poverty. SNV in Tanzania's diverse portfolio covers climate-smart agriculture, landscape conservation, renewable energy, and water, sanitation and hygiene.

Working from offices in Dodoma, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Sumbawanga, and engaging with people in 23 regions across the country, we have built strong partnerships with national and local government, businesses, donors, and partners. This breadth and depth of experience has resulted in compelling public/private partnerships for greater long-term impact.

Overview of the Position

The SUSTAIN Eco project will be led by IUCN, with SNV and AWF responsible for leading implementation in the Sumbawanga landscape (SNV) and the Kilombero landscape (AWF). The project runs for three years. SNV's work will focus on six districts (Sumbawanga, Mpanda, Kalambo, Nkasi, Tanganyika, and Nsimbo) in Sumbawanga and Rukwa regions. Currently the project is looking for a senior Agronomist Intern.

The agronomy intern is to implement and supervise demo plots for Maize, Sunflower, Beans, and Paddy. The growing season normally starts in November to February of the 2024. The demo plots are an integral part for environmental conservation practices, aiming to showcase best practices and innovative techniques to farmers. The Agronomy Intern will play a critical role in the successful implementation of these plots by ensuring proper cultivation, data collection, and analysis throughout the growing season.

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1. Preparation and Planning:

 Assisting in planning and designing the demo plots for Maize, Sunflower, Beans, and Paddy. Collaborating with government extension officers at ward or villages levels to establish optimal growing conditions and planting schedules.

2. Cultivation and Maintenance:

- Overseeing the planting, cultivation, and maintenance of the demo plots.
- Monitoring and managing irrigation, fertilization, and pest control in collaboration with government extension officers.

3. Data Collection and Analysis:

- Collecting data on growth rates, yield, and other relevant metrics such resistant to drought/ diseases.
- Analysing the collected data to identify trends and insights for improving crop management practices.

4. Documentation and Reporting:

- Documenting all activities related to the demo plots, including challenges encountered and solutions implemented.
- Preparing regular progress reports and presentations for review and dissemination to stakeholders

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture, agronomy, environmental science, food security or equivalent.
- Practical experience of on Agronomy activities.
- working in projects related to natural resource management, conservation, or environmental management in Tanzania.
- Self-starter, strong ability to work well alone and with others.
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision
- Strong organization skills and attention to detail.

Additional Information

Reporting to: Programme Manager

Contract Type: Internship contract

Contract Duration: One Year

Expected Start Date: November 2023

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