



**WILD CHIMPANZEE FOUNDATION**

## **Job Vacancy**

### **Livelihood Advisor**

**Structure of employment:** Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF)

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**Background:**

The Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) is an international NGO established in several countries such as Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia. WCF has been in operation since 2000 for the conservation of chimpanzees and other biodiversity in West Africa. One of WCF's main target areas is the Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo Forest Complex, the largest remaining relatively intact forest block that spans across the Ivorian and Liberian border, encompassing various protected areas (Tai National Park and Cavally Classified Forest in Côte d'Ivoire; and Sapo National Park and the newly established Grebo-Krahn National Park in Liberia) and identified conservation landscape corridors.

WCF has recently been awarded a grant from TetraTech for USAID's West African Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC) program to "Strengthen Multi-Stakeholder Management of the Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo Transboundary Forest Landscape between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire". The 28-month program feeds into WCF's long-term mission of enhancing the survival of the remaining wild chimpanzee populations and their habitat, and covers conservation programs that include biomonitoring, law enforcement, environmental education, research, land-use planning, alternative livelihood schemes, ecotourism and capacity building. Emphasis is placed on using an evidence-based approach to the program and supporting transboundary collaboration between stakeholders in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.

**Job Description:**

We are seeking a full-time **Livelihood Advisor** to support the project team in ensuring the implementation of the WA BiCC project and to deliver on project objectives within the Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo Forest Complex. The Livelihood Advisor will be responsible for giving support to local NGOs who will develop and implement of a comprehensive livelihood strategy, which will target income diversification and poverty alleviation opportunities across the landscape where the project is being implemented and accordingly increase the sustainability of the project related interventions. The Livelihood Advisor will be based in Zwedru with regular travel to Côte d'Ivoire and occasional travel to Monrovia.

**Responsibilities:**

- Lead and provide technical guidance, supervision and support to all aspects of livelihood activities under the WA BiCC project within Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo Forest Complex
- Support local partner organisations in the implementation of livelihood projects, including capacity building, activity and financial planning and reporting
- Ensure local partner organisations comply with Monitoring & Evaluation requirements following WA BiCC/USAID procedures
- Ensure local partner organisations comply with Environmental Mitigation strategies following WA BiCC/USAID procedures
- Develop Livelihood promotion capacities within the targeted project communities to protect livelihoods and achieve food and financial security
- Provide capacity building and training of WCF and partners for livelihoods interventions
- Strengthen WCF current livelihoods promotion programs
- Develop standards and systems for implementing livelihood approaches working with rural communities
- Document and share successful case studies with the different stakeholders.
- Liaise with other NGOs and relevant Government agencies to ensure good coordination of effort, avoid duplication, share lessons and approaches for maximizing impact.

**Qualifications / Experience:*****Required:***

- Master's degree in Tropical Agriculture and Livelihood Development, Rural Development, or related field
- At least 5 years relevant working experience, preferably with an NGO and in West Africa
- Experience in project management, reporting and data bases
- Experience in livelihoods interventions, especially in agricultural projects (e.g. IVS rice, cassava vegetables, cocoa), farmer field schools, animal husbandry (poultry, piggery, etc.), aquaculture, bee-keeping, soap production, ecotourism, VSLA/microloans, infrastructure
- Relevant experience in capacity building and training, especially for local NGOs
- Experience in gender-sensitive and fair trade/deforestation free project implementation
- Driving license/experience in 4x4 driving

***Preferred:***

- Working experience in southeastern Liberia (Grand Gedeh, River Gee, Sinoe and Rivercess Counties) and southwestern Côte d'Ivoire
- Experience in Monitoring & Evaluation
- Experience with USAID funded projects and procedures
- Basic knowledge in French (oral)

**Deadline for submission:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

WCF is an equal opportunity employer and particularly encourages women to apply.

Applications (CV and Cover letter with two references) should be sent electronically to

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