

CHYULU LANDSCAPE CORDINATOR

Justdiggit is a non-profit organization with a mission to cool down the planet by regreening Africa. Our nature based solutions mitigate climate change and improve the livelihoods local communities. Our approach is to inspire and empower millions of subsistence farmers and pastoralists to regreen their land by combining rainwater harvesting, agroforestry and climate resilient agriculture techniques.



Duty station: Chyulu Conservation and Research Centre, Kuku Group Ranch, Kajiado County, Kenya.

Employment type: Full time



BACKGROUND

Within the Chyulu landscape in Kenya, Justdiggit is implementing multiple projects together with our local partners. One of them is the GCF funded TWENDE project 'Towards Ending Drought Emergencies: Ecosystem Based Adaptation in Kenya's Arid and Semi-Arid Rangelands', in which Justdiggit is a service provider. TWENDE aims to reduce the cost of drought induced by climate change on Kenya's national economy. We do this by increasing the resilience of livestock and other land use sectors in restored and effectively governed rangeland ecosystems.

Furthermore, Justdiggit and its local partners focus on rainwater harvesting and the setup of women-led grass seed and hay banks in the Kajiado area.



WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

As the Chyulu Landscape Coordinator you will work closely with the Program Coordinator Twende, and report to the Senior Program Manager for Chyulu and Northern Landscapes.

Your responsibility include the coordination of project activities and liaising and guiding local landscape partners in the field during implementation.



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Successful implementation and project management of all non-TWENDE ("cofunding") projects in the Chyulu landscape
- Assisting the Program Coordinator of TWENDE in the realization of TWENDE projects in the Chyulu landscape
- Set up detailed budgets and work schedules for project implementation
- Draft contracts for implementing partners/subgrantees
- Act as day-to-day point of contact for partners in the Chyulu landscape
- Represent JDI at meetings, conferences and workshops
- Write technical donor reports
- Provide regular project updates and photos for social media
- Daily coordination and monitoring of project activities and administration
- Facilitate donor or horizontal learning field trips
- Create and conduct presentations to interested groups and /or at workshops
- Relationship building and stakeholder management
- Develop the technical capacity of our local implementing partners by developing and sharing guidelines, provide training to (program) staff and/or give in-field support.
- Proactively provide input to program management on the technical status of a program and its partner organisation
- Assist with the sustainability planning of projects
- Provide input for and assist the Justdiggit Monitoring and Evaluation and Learning (MEL) team
- Provide supervision and assist with the logistics of student researchers

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- BSc in environmental or conservation related field. A focus on landscape restoration is a preference
- 3-5 years of working experience in landscape restoration or conservation related field
- Practical experience with landscape restoration interventions and environmental topics, such as sustainable land management, agroforestry and hydrology
- Affinity with the international setting in which Justdiggit is active
- Familiar with pastoralism and community-based conservation
- Computer literacy (MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint)
- GIS and mapping skills are desirable
- Experience and proven record of project management
- Proper level of professional writing skills
- Valid driver's licence for motor vehicle and/or motorbike desired
- Fluent in Swahili and English, both speaking and writing
- Beneficial: the ability to converse in Maa
- Kenyan nationality, or in possession of a permit to work in Kenya

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- The ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work hard and perform under pressure
- Can-do mentality
- Resourceful with problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- Quick-thinking with the ability to deal with crisis or challenging situations in the field
- Excellent logistical planning and organizational skills
- Passionate about conservation, the environment, and people
- Comfortable with living and working in remote areas
- Willingness to travel and work irregular hours when required
- Ability to assist with physically demanding field activities
- Eager to learn, pro-active approach and good inter-personal skills





WHAT DO WE OFFER

- Be part of a great mission: regreen our planet!
- An exciting, diverse and responsible role in a team of driven people
- As part of a fast-growing organization, there will be ample room for personal and professional development.
- Great colleagues and a diverse team.

APPLY NOW!

We will support you from our head office in The Netherlands and our regional office in Nairobi with technical advice, organizational support and our strong international network of partners. If you believe you are the right person for this role, please send your CV and motivation letter to <u>vacancies@justdiggit.org</u> before 5pm on Friday 30 September 2022.

We hope we can welcome you to our team soon!

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