



## **Research assistants for the AgEcoIPM: Agro-ecological management of the fall armyworm in Eastern and Southern Africa Project**

AgEcoIPM's project aims to sustainably strengthen the resilience of smallholders to FAW infestations in the cultivation of maize in Malawi, Uganda, and Zambia. The project is implemented by the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) in partnership with GIZ-Uganda, GIZ-Zambia, TLC-Malawi, NARO-Uganda, and ZARI-Zambia.

### **Research Assistants Job Description**

- Job Type- Temporary short-term
- Qualification- bachelor's degree in Agricultural related field
- Experience- conducted at least two household-level data surveys using digital tools (e.g., Cspiro, Kobo collect, ODK etc).
- Location of the project- Mzimba, Chipata
- Job- Field Data Science / Research
- Duration: 15 days [Tentative: 25<sup>th</sup> Aug – 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023]

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Attend the training workshop for research assistants.
- Pre-test/piloting of the data collection tools.
- Participate in quantitative (structured questionnaire) and qualitative (Key Information Interview and Focus Group Discussion) data collection data cleaning and reporting,
- Write field visit reports and share them with the research supervisor as required.
- Ensure proper utilization of the project resources and properties including tablets/ phones among others.
- Upload data collected to the Dropbox App server at the end of each day.
- Ensure all data collection forms are complete and always kept secure and confidential.
- Protect all project equipment and ensure that they are all safe and accounted for.
- Participate in de-brief meetings after data collection.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the research supervisor.

### **Academic Qualifications**

- University degree in an agricultural-related or any relevant bachelor's degree.

### **Required Knowledge, Experience, and Skills**

- At least one-year experience in conducting qualitative and quantitative research.
- Experience working with farmers and community members in rural settings.
- Good written and oral communication in local language in English, proficiency in local languages will be an added advantage.
- Knowledge of basic computer skills (Ms. Office and others)
- Understanding of quantitative and qualitative research tools/ methods
- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision, and adhere to set priorities standards, and deadlines.



- Had previous knowledge of using CSPRO Application or any other Digital data collection tools and Microsoft Office Suit (Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel)
- Have experience in carrying out In-depth Interviews (FGDs and KII) with knowledge of data transcription.

**Terms of Engagement:**

Successful candidates will be engaged in short-term contracts during the baseline survey of the above project.

**General Conditions:**

- Application/motivation letters should be written in English and not exceed one page.
- Applicant must submit an updated CV that does not exceed 3 pages.
- Applicants must attach their relevant copies of academic certificates.

**NOTE:** All required documents should be in one zip folder bearing the applicant's name in full.

**Method of Application**

Send your application through the email below with the job position as the subject by 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to Dr. Beatrice Muriithi at [bmuriithi@icipe.org](mailto:bmuriithi@icipe.org) & Chikondi Mlera at [cmlera@tlcmw.org](mailto:cmlera@tlcmw.org)