

Advertisement

Junior Professional Officer



Supply Chain Officer/ Lake Tanganyika Corridor Facilitation Officer

World Food Programme

Closing date: 21st April 2019

RE-OPENED due to limited number of suitable applicants

Applicants to the previous advertisement do not need to apply again.

I General information

Title:	Supply Chain Officer/ Lake Tanganyika Corridor Facilitation Officer
Sector of Assignment:	Supply Chain - Logistics
Country:	Burundi
Location (City):	Bujumbura
Agency/Unit:	BICO
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to a maximum total of 3 years
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year

Note : this post is opened in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands and is addressed exclusively to **PEOPLE WITH THE DUTCH NATIONALITY**.

For criteria see the website of Nedworc Foundation:

<http://www.nedworcfoundation.nl/NL/JPO/General%20Information.htm>

Please read the criteria and FAQ section carefully before considering applying

II Duties and responsibilities

the JPO will work with regional bodies, private sector companies and national governments to facilitate the implementation of critical Lake Tanganyika corridor revitalization actions identified in a study currently being finalized, as well as other which could be identified in the process and to speed up the implementation of actions which are being implemented at a slow pace.

Responsibilities

- Work with the identified partners and stakeholders for the Tanganyika Lake Initiative, (The Netherlands, World Bank, JICA, Trademark, neighbouring countries' authorities, Central Corridor and others); identify potential interested partners for un-funded critical actions; and provide facilitation services among the partners to support the different actions which will contribute to the revitalization of the Tanganyika Lake corridor and trade.
- Identify ways in which WFP Supply Chain can support the implementation and expediting of the critical actions (identified in a matrix/ report which is currently being finalized and that will be provided as requested or in any case by the beginning of the assignment) and contribute to the preparedness of WFP for the re-initiation of transport of necessary commodities through the lake.

- Contribute to the outreach and advocacy with potential partners as required. Liaise with donors, implementing organizations and companies to prioritize actions, identify roadblocks and remove barriers, where necessary/ possible; Monitor progress made toward achieving each critical action;
- Draft the necessary reports, summaries, presentations, letters, project documents, funding proposals and detailed budgets. Plan and execute necessary events (launch, coordination...) or contribute to joint events. Plan and execute regular coordination meetings for stakeholders in the project;
- Represent WFP at meetings and events with potential donors, coordination bodies and implementers; Serve as the WFP focal point for corridor revitalization, liaising with existing coordination and governance bodies, implementing organizations and companies, and donors of existing projects around the lake;
- Monitor WFP and others' use of lake transport and lake ports, collecting data and tracking progress in improving transport capacity and port throughput;
- Monitor the budget of the Facilitation Team;
- Manage information and maintain a document repository about the project;
- (Possibly) supervise one administrative support staff;
- Perform other duties as required.

Expected outcomes

The JPO is expected to engage in activities that will produce the following outcomes, among others:

- Partners and stakeholders have increased awareness of the issues affecting the Lake Tanganyika transport network.
- Partners are identified and implement/ begin to implement the identified actions which could play a key role in revitalizing the lake transport and trade.
- WFP plays a successful role as a focal point and facilitator of the corridor revitalization.
- WFP begins to successfully use the Lake Tanganyika corridor to transport commodities in the region.
- Sound analytical and project documents are produced, shared and archived.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

At the end of the three-year assignment, the JPO should have:

- Gained very good knowledge of WFP's supply chain operations and OSCL.
- Obtained in depth knowledge and increased practical experience to address supply chain challenges arising within and outside the framework of humanitarian operations in East Africa.
- Gained experience in how to write documents and reports targeting different audiences.
- Proven understanding of how to run effective research and communicate results.
- Proven ability to work successfully in an inter-agency, inter-sector context and in a diverse working environment.
- Increased sound understanding of WFP's strategic position in the UN system and its roadmap toward zero hunger and sustainable development goals.

- The JPO will be fully be integrated in a team of Logistics and Supply Chain staff under the supervision of the Head. S/he will be offered opportunities to participate in professional trainings relevant to the JPO's professional profile as agreed with the supervisor. Using WFPs Learning Management System (LMS) will also provide the candidate with ample learning opportunities in various areas of WFP and supply chain. Lastly, the supervisor and incumbent will together identify specialized training courses to attend during the second year.

- Upon arrival, the JPO will receive a comprehensive briefing and background documents on the corridor revitalization project and will be introduced to the relevant working counterparts within and outside WFP.
- The JPO position includes a Duty travel and training allowance (DTTA) of \$4000 per year which may be used for learning activities related to the assignment and career development.

IV Supervision

Title of supervisor: general supervision by the Country Director; direct supervision of the Head of Supply Chain.

Content and methodology of supervision

The JPO will be requested to prepare and discuss with supervisor a personal work plan using the Performance and Competency Enhancement (PACE) system, in addition to reports on arrival, progress and termination of the contract. He/she is expected to work closely with other units in WFP Burundi and will be in frequent contact with other Country Offices in the region and with the Regional Bureau in Nairobi.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Advanced University degree (Masters) preferably in Supply Chain Management, Engineering, Economics, Business Administration, Logistics, Communication or other related field,

A first-level university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in combination with qualifying experience (at least 3 years of relevant working experience) may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree

Working experience :

Minimum 2 years, maximum 4 years of post-graduate, progressively responsible, job-related experience supervising staff either in private practice and/or in government agencies.

All paid work experience since obtaining Bachelors degree will/can be considered.

Languages :

Fluency in both oral and written English. Advanced knowledge of French is required

Key competencies

- Ability to work in a multicultural environment with sound interpersonal and communications skills.
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills, and ability to write accurately and concisely.
- Willingness to travel. The JPO will be based in Bujumbura, Burundi, but will engage extensively with and travel to the Regional Bureau in Nairobi and the countries around Lake Tanganyika (in particular Zambia but also DRC and Tanzania).

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency, fighting hunger worldwide. We are currently seeking for a Junior Professional Officer to fill the position of **Supply Chain Officer** based in the WFP Country Office Burundi in Bujumbura.

Historically, Lake Tanganyika has served as a trade hub linking Southern and Eastern Africa. In recent years, deteriorating infrastructure, political unrest and slowing economies around the lake have led to the decline of this corridor. Recognizing the large potential for trade in the region - for WFP and for commercial companies - of Lake Tanganyika to become a reliable transit route in the region, WFP has identified a path forward for developing transit capacity in and around the lake.

VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station (Burundi)

For general information regarding Burundi you can have a look at these websites:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/by.html>

<https://www.who.int/countries/bdi/en/>

You will receive other specific Information on security, availability of housing, medical services and possibly schooling (for young children) at the moment of your onboarding, in order to facilitate your transfer and settlement in the new Duty Station.

Spouses of WFP staff can legally work in Burundi once their stay is regularized.

VIII How to apply

Kindly register your profile and apply through our E-recruitment system:

https://career5.successfactors.eu/career?career_company=C0000168410P&lang=en_GB&company=C0000168410P&site=&loginFlowRequired=true

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For general information on the job, the conditions and the application procedure etc. please write to this email: **wfprecruitment@wfp.org**

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission