Job Announcement

The Center for Development Research (ZEF) is an institute of the University of Bonn, Germany. ZEF’s researchers aim to find science-based solutions to development-related issues. ZEF’s research departments on Economic and Technological Change, Political and Cultural Change, and Ecology and Natural Resources Management conduct inter and transdisciplinary research in, for and with emerging economies and on global issues with its collaborating research partners around the world. ZEF educates doctoral students from all over the world in its Doctoral Studies Program. More information is available at www.zef.de.

Together with other partners, ZEF is involved in a new research project about testing different processing techniques of local (edible) insect species and expanding commercial small-scale farm activities, which will include field research in Myanmar and Madagascar. Key features of the project are participatory action research, gender as a cross-cutting issue as well as multidisciplinarity.

ZEF offers a stipend for a:

**Doctoral Researcher (m/f) in Value Chain Analysis**

**Main responsibilities will be:**

- Conduct quantitative and qualitative research on value chains of edible insects – an economic, institutional and governance analysis with focus on value addition, employment, gender and market development;
- Contribute to the design and analysis of a quantitative sex-disaggregated survey on the socio-economic context, value chain, and consumption behavior of households/farming families in Myanmar and Madagascar;
- Contribute to policy advocacy strategies and publications for the practice (handbook etc.) and to participatory evaluations;
- Publish peer-reviewed articles and participate in international conferences;
- Foster joint learning within the multidisciplinary project team;
- Contribute to the other project workpackages.

**Education, qualifications and experience:**

The candidate must have:

- A strong background in economics and a good MA degree in agricultural economics, development economics, geography economics, business economics or related disciplines;
− Strong skills for both broad systemic analysis of value chain dynamics as well as in depth analysis of specific issues;
− Experience in multi stakeholder processes with agricultural and rural development issues in developing countries;
− Familiarity with qualitative and quantitative research methods, proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office Tools and statistical data analysis (STATA, SPSS);
− Experience in academic writing, first publications in national/international journals, book chapters, reports;
− Interest and demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
− Excellent proficiency in oral and written English, ideally good knowledge in French;
− Willingness to travel extensively to Myanmar and Madagascar (including several weeks at a time);
− Ability to work independently, efficiently and target oriented.

Other elements which may be an advantage for the applicant:
− Work experience in Africa or Asia;
− Field work experience with smallholder farmers;
− Knowledge of food and nutrition security issues;
− Working level of German language.

We offer a three year stipend of 1000 Euro (lump sum per month). In addition all travel and research expenses will be covered. There is the possibility to join the ZEF doctoral program.

The position is expected to start July 2018. Applications (cover letter incl. motivation, CV, certificates, achievements in English, one writing sample, two reference persons) should be sent by e-mail in one pdf document (less than 10 MB) to:

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Application deadline is September 15th. The reference of the position should be clearly marked in the subject line of the e-mail message. All adequate applications will be acknowledged; only short listed candidates will be contacted. Expected interview time will be end of September 2018.

In keeping with the University’s policy regarding gender equity, female applicants are particularly encouraged. Disabled people with identical qualifications will be favored.