

Vacancy Announcement

Welthungerhilfe is one of the largest private aid organizations in Germany; it is politically independent and non-denominational. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is dedicated to fighting for a world without hunger. Since it was founded on December 14, 1962, 12,128 overseas projects in about 72 countries have been supported with 5.07 billion euros.

Welthungerhilfe follows the principle of empowering people to help themselves to sustainably improve their living conditions, offering everything from fast disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with national and international partner organizations. In close collaboration with local partners, we enable people to break out of hunger and poverty sustainably, with measurable impact, and with integrity and accountability.

WHH pursues a dual mandate to ensure our actions meet the needs of our target groups: providing programs for short-term disaster relief as well as long-term development. To achieve [sustainable food and nutrition security](#) among the most vulnerable, these programs link our key focus areas interrelated with hunger – [agriculture and environment](#); [water, sanitation and hygiene](#) (WASH); [economic development](#); [humanitarian assistance](#); [climate change](#); and [civil society and advocacy](#). [Innovation](#) helps to scale the impact.

We are currently looking for one Project Officer (Livestock) for the Myanmar Country Programme. The position will be based in Meiktila and requires frequent travel to project locations.

Job Description: Project Officer (Livestock) (SG 06)

I. Job Details

Department: Programmes

Country / Location: Meiktila (frequent field visits required)

FundsPro Cost Allocation: SEEDS (Strengthening Economic and Environmental Development for Climate Sustainability)

Job Name: Project Officer (Livestock) (m/f/d)

Title of Job Holder: Project Officer

Salary Group: SG 06

Immediate Superior (in disciplinary matters): Head of Project

Subordinate Position(s): None

No. of position: 1

Representation: To be decided on relevant occasions

Is represented by: To be decided in case of absence

Contract Period: 1 year contract with possible extension

Project Duration: 44 months

Technical Focus: Livestock production, animal husbandry, animal health, community-based livestock development and rural livelihoods.

II. Objectives, Duties, Areas of Responsibility

1. Objectives of the position

The Project Officer – Livestock is responsible for the planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of livestock-related activities under the SEED project.

The position coordinates practical field implementation with participating livestock-keeping households, communities, Field Officers, Community Facilitators and relevant service providers. The Project Officer ensures that livestock activities are delivered according to approved project plans and technical guidance and that implementation progress, challenges and results are systematically monitored and documented.

The position contributes to SEED's integrated approach by linking livestock interventions with agricultural production, community-based organisations and other relevant livelihood activities.

2. Duties and area of responsibility

2.1. Duties with own area of responsibility

- Coordinate day-to-day implementation of assigned livestock activities in accordance with approved SEED workplans, budgets and technical guidance.
- Prepare detailed implementation schedules and field activity plans for livestock interventions.
- Coordinate participant mobilisation, livestock-related training, demonstrations and other field activities.
- Maintain regular contact with participating livestock-keeping households and monitor implementation progress and practical challenges.
- Coordinate field-level follow-up of approved livestock interventions and ensure that planned activities are implemented on schedule.
- Monitor participation, activity completion and field-level results and promptly identify implementation constraints requiring follow-up.
- Maintain accurate records of livestock activities, participants, training, inputs and implementation progress.

- Coordinate activity schedules and operational requirements with Field Officers, Community Facilitators and relevant project colleagues.
- Collect and communicate feedback from participating households concerning livestock interventions and related services.
- Prepare routine implementation updates and provide information required for project monitoring and reporting.

2.2 Duties without own area of responsibility

- Apply approved livestock approaches and technical guidance within field implementation.
- Provide functional and practical guidance to Field Officers and Community Facilitators supporting livestock activities.
- Coordinate with qualified veterinary or livestock technical personnel where specialist advice is required.
- Coordinate with the Project Officer – Agriculture where crop and livestock interventions intersect within household production systems.
- Coordinate with the Project Officer – CBO where livestock activities involve producer groups, community-based organisations or other local structures.
- Coordinate with the MEAL Officer on participant registration, monitoring, data collection, verification and documentation of livestock results.
- Coordinate with logistics and procurement colleagues on approved livestock-related activity requirements.
- Contribute field information and implementation experience to project reports, reviews and learning processes.
- Support coordination with relevant livestock service providers and other local stakeholders within delegated authority.

2.3 Specific activities and duties of the position / Position specific qualifications

- Coordinate implementation of SEED's approved livestock activities in the project's target areas in Mandalay Region.
- Translate approved livestock approaches into detailed field implementation plans and schedules.
- Support identification and mobilisation of participating livestock-keeping households according to approved SEED targeting and selection criteria.
- Organise and facilitate livestock-related training, demonstrations, household follow-up and other approved capacity-development activities.

- Support participating households to apply promoted livestock husbandry and management practices.
- Facilitate practical learning on relevant aspects of livestock production, including feeding, housing, hygiene, preventive animal-health practices and husbandry, according to approved technical guidance.
- Monitor livestock activities through regular field visits and household follow-up and identify implementation or technical issues requiring further attention.
- Ensure that suspected animal-health problems requiring professional veterinary diagnosis or treatment are referred to appropriately qualified veterinary personnel rather than providing advice beyond the position's competence or authority.
- Support project teams and participating households to understand appropriate preventive animal-health and biosecurity practices included within approved project approaches.
- Support linkages between participating households and appropriate veterinary, livestock or other relevant service providers where these form part of SEED implementation.
- Coordinate with the Project Officer – Agriculture on integrated crop-livestock activities and relevant interactions between agricultural and livestock production.
- Support practical coordination around feed resources and other crop-livestock linkages where relevant to approved SEED activities.
- Coordinate with the Project Officer – CBO where livestock activities are implemented through or supported by community-based organisations, producer groups or other local structures.
- Work closely with Field Officers and Community Facilitators to coordinate community-level livestock activities and provide practical implementation guidance.
- Support appropriate linkages between livestock activities and other SEED livelihood interventions.
- Monitor whether livestock activities are being implemented according to approved approaches and raise significant technical concerns through the appropriate project channels.
- Avoid independently introducing veterinary treatments, livestock technologies or other significant technical changes that have not been reviewed through the appropriate technical process.
- Work with the MEAL Officer to ensure accurate and timely registration of participants and collection of livestock-related monitoring information.
- Support verification of livestock activities and results and maintain appropriate supporting documentation.

- Contribute livestock implementation information and evidence to SEED progress reports, project reviews and other documentation.
- Document practical implementation experience, participant feedback, challenges and lessons from livestock activities.
- Support inclusive participation in livestock activities and identify practical barriers affecting eligible community members.
- Consider household capacity, available labour and practical management requirements during implementation and raise concerns where these may affect the feasibility or sustainability of planned livestock support.
- Ensure that animal-welfare considerations are respected in project-supported livestock activities.
- Ensure that livestock activities and community engagement follow WHH safeguarding, accountability, conflict-sensitivity and do-no-harm requirements.
- Prepare livestock-related operational and procurement requirements sufficiently in advance and provide relevant technical information to responsible colleagues.
- Support verification of livestock-related inputs, materials or services where assigned, while respecting procurement procedures and segregation of duties.
- Report significant concerns regarding the quality or suitability of livestock-related inputs or services through the appropriate project channels.
- Undertake regular travel throughout assigned SEED implementation areas in accordance with WHH security and access procedures.

III. Job requirements

1. Knowledge/ Qualifications

Professional / Formal Qualification

- University degree in Animal Science, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Science, Livestock Production, Agriculture or another relevant discipline.
- Additional practical training in livestock production, animal health, veterinary extension or rural livelihoods is an advantage.

Professional Experience

- At least 3 years of relevant professional experience in livestock production, animal husbandry, veterinary extension, rural livelihoods or a related field.
- Practical experience working with livestock-keeping households and rural communities.
- Experience organising livestock training, demonstrations or other community-based learning activities.

- Experience supporting field-level project implementation and monitoring.
- Experience working with veterinary or livestock service providers is desirable.
- Experience with donor-funded development programmes is desirable.
- Relevant experience with livestock-production systems in central Myanmar is an advantage.

Professional Skills and Competencies

- Good practical knowledge of livestock production and animal husbandry.
- Understanding of preventive animal-health, hygiene and biosecurity principles relevant to community livestock programming.
- Ability to translate technical guidance into practical field activities.
- Ability to recognise when animal-health issues require referral to qualified veterinary personnel.
- Good community facilitation, training and communication skills.
- Good planning, organisation and documentation skills.
- Ability to identify implementation problems and refer specialist technical issues appropriately.
- Ability to work effectively with livestock keepers, community organisations, field personnel, service providers and multidisciplinary project teams.
- Good Myanmar-language communication skills and working ability in English.
- Good basic digital skills for project communication, documentation, monitoring and reporting.
- Willingness and ability to travel regularly within SEED implementation areas.
- Basic skills in the responsible use of generative AI tools for professional tasks such as activity planning, organising field information and drafting routine reports, with appropriate human verification and attention to confidentiality and data protection.

3. Disciplinary Leadership of staff

None

4. Responsibility

- The Project Officer – Livestock has operational responsibility for livestock activities assigned to the position within approved SEED workplans.

- The position may provide functional and technical guidance to Field Officers, Community Facilitators and other implementation personnel involved in livestock activities.
- The position has no disciplinary leadership responsibility.
- The Project Officer – Livestock does not independently establish veterinary protocols, prescribe veterinary treatments outside their professional competence or introduce significant changes to approved livestock approaches.
- Matters requiring specialist veterinary or other technical expertise must be referred to appropriately qualified personnel through the project management structure.
- The position does not independently approve budgets, expenditure, procurement, contracts or changes to project scope.
- Significant technical, animal-welfare, implementation, safeguarding, security or compliance issues must be referred through the appropriate management or technical channels.
- External representation is undertaken only within delegated authority.

Please send your application by email to:

 hr.mmr@welthungerhilfe.de

 Application deadline: 18 October (Sunday) COB

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview. Welthungerhilfe is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from qualified individuals, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or background.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and interviews will be conducted accordingly.