

Junior Agronomist required for Churachandpur District, Manipur

MaolKeki Foundation is looking for a Junior Agronomist to work with farmers in Churachandpur district. MaolKeki Foundation is a pioneering organization established with the purpose of catalysing positive development in Manipur, India. The Foundation has trained over 1,500 farmers in Manipur, and provided last-mile health assessments to over 2,500 farmers and their families. In early 2020, the Foundation successfully completed a detailed study of the mushroom value chain in Manipur which was released by the Chief Secretary of Manipur. In collaboration with the Agri Entrepreneur Growth Foundation, Maolkeki Foundation recently launched an Agri Entrepreneur Program to connect agri-entrepreneurs to smallholder farmers across Manipur. In November 2020, we started work in Chandel district with the appointment of a Junior Agronomist based in Chandel town.

Responsibilities:

The Junior Agronomist will be responsible for aggregating and training farmers to adopt Good Agricultural Practices. S/he will establish relationships with smallholder farmers producing horticultural crops in Churachandpur town and other areas in the district. Some of the key activities are:

- S/he will take the lead in ensuring public and private agricultural extension services are accessible by smallholder horticulture farmers.
- S/he will establish a network of Lead Farmers who will be responsible for developing demonstration farms that will be used to train other farmers.
- S/he will act as a facilitator for farmers and other stakeholders in the field of agriculture such as researchers, inputs providers, financial institutions, etc., and any other related services for the farmers.
- S/he will provide recommended solutions to the farmers using knowledge of latest crop production, land reclamation, soil, pest and weed management, etc.
- S/he will travel and meet farmers on a regular basis to gather information on their crops throughout the growing cycle to help improve productivity.
- S/he will encourage them to get soil testing done periodically to help monitor and maintain soil health.

Required skills:

The individual should possess the following:

- Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture or work experience in the field of agriculture
- Active listener and analytical mindset
- Problem solver and critical thinker
- Willing and ready to travel
- Strong time management skills
- Supportive and kind spirit
- Be able to work in a team environment
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Awareness of latest trend and technological developments
- Good record keeping and regular reporting
- Flexible and adaptable to an evolving role
- Fluent in local dialects/ languages with ability to communicate in English

- Basic computer skills

Training after selection: The selected individual will get on-the-job training under the guidance of our Agri Advisor in Khoijuman. A fully funded residential training session will be organized in Bishnupur District.

Please send your CV and Cover Letter to contact@maolkekifoundation.org with the subject as “Junior Agronomist – Churachandpur” before 31st December 2020. Expected start date is 1st February 2021.

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