

# Economic Development & Food Security (EDFS) Coordinator



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## Job Summary

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Vacancy :

Deadline : Dec 16, 2024

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Employment Status : Full Time

Experience : Any

Salary : NCA Salary Scale

Gender : Any

Career Level : Any

Qualification :

**About NCA:**

NCA is one of the largest aid organisations in the Nordic region, with 21 country offices worldwide that span Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East, as well as four joint country offices and other partner organisations. NCA's mandate is to save lives, build resilience and seek justice. We do this by working with long-term development programmes, humanitarian interventions and advocacy towards decision-makers to address the root causes of injustice, poverty and power imbalance. Our work is undertaken closely with local civil society partners and other NGOs. NCA works in triple nexus programming, delivering humanitarian aid, long-term development and social cohesion in partnership with Afghan non-government organisations. NCA focuses on humanitarian response, economic development and food security (EDFS), climate-resilient water, hygiene and sanitation (CRWASH), social cohesion, and climate and environmental stewardship (CES). NCA seeks an experienced and skilled agronomist with expertise in agribusiness or agriculture-related fields. The post-holder should be a self-starter who can set personal goals, train others, independently identify solutions, and build an efficient team. The post-holder is articulate and can work across all departments and CSO partner organisations. The post-holder will work under the leadership of the Head of the Programme.

**Job Description:****job Summary:**

The Economic Development and Food Security (EDFS) Coordinator will co-design and implement integrated food security programs with partners and key stakeholders. The role focuses on high-quality design and implementation of initiatives that enhance community resilience through market-based micro and next level investments. The post-holder will leverage their expertise in agronomy, climate-smart agriculture, and green economy investments to drive sustainable outcomes. The EDFS Coordinator will play a critical role in supporting private-sector engagement and providing technical assistance for innovative economic initiatives. This role includes designing, implementing, and monitoring market-based interventions that boost agricultural productivity and foster economic opportunities. The role also involves conducting comprehensive monitoring, learning, and reporting to ensure programs are impactful and adaptive. The Coordinator will work closely with community members, local authorities, partner organizations, and other stakeholders to guarantee the effectiveness and sustainability of interventions. The post-holder will lead a diverse team, providing technical guidance in livelihoods, agriculture, horticulture, market-based initiatives, and income-generating activities involving micro-small medium enterprises (MSME), ensuring that the programs contribute to sustainable food security and economic development goals.

**Main Responsibilities of this Position:****1. Programme Design and Implementation:**

- Develop and manage food security and economic development programmes per NCA Programme strategies and priorities.
- Identify key areas of intervention to enhance the economic resilience of communities, focusing on agriculture, market linkages and livelihoods.
- Maintaining strong relationships with current and potential donors fosters long-term engagement and partnership.
- Lead in the design of EDFS concept notes, project proposals, and budgets, integrating appropriate innovative approaches in coordination with the Head of the Program.

**2. Technical Leadership**

- Provide technical support to the programme team in implementing climate-smart agricultural practices, small business enterprise development, and value chain enhancement.
- Guide market-based economic development initiatives to facilitate access to financial services, training, and market opportunities for local communities
- Design tools and methodologies to determine the impact of weather, pests, and diseases on crop and livestock performance and offer effective management practices and solutions.
- Provide technical support and advice to local farmer's groups on best agricultural practices.
- Consult with producer groups on potential ways to increase their economic return from a range of selected high-value products in collaboration with private sector investors through out-grower schemes or contract farming.

**3. Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting:**

- Establish and monitor demonstration sites to provide hard evidence of the success of the micro investments and other climate-smart agricultural practices.
- Develop and implement monitoring and evaluation plans to track progress against project objectives.
- Prepare periodic progress reports for donors, stakeholders, and NCA leadership, ensuring timely submission and adherence to reporting requirements.
- Ensure data-driven decision-making, document lessons learned and adapt programme strategies accordingly.

**4. Capacity Building:**

- Provide technical training and support to farmers' groups, partners, and field staff to build their capacity in food security, market-based approaches, and economic resilience.
- Develop training materials and facilitate workshops to enhance the capacity of local partners and community groups.

**5. Partnership and Coordination:**

- Foster strategic partnerships with local NGOs, community groups, religious groups, government authorities, and private sector actors.
- Represent the NCA in coordination forums, cluster meetings, and with donors to advocate for the needs of target communities.
- Ensure strong linkages between food security activities and other sectoral programmes such as health, nutrition, WASH, climate and environmentally sensitive programming to maximize impact.

**Job Requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree in economics, Agriculture, Development Studies or a related field. A Master's degree is preferred.
- At least five years of work experience in economic development, agriculture, horticulture, and livelihood with a UN agency or international NGO.
- Strong knowledge of market based economic development, climate-smart agriculture, and community-based resilience approaches. Proven experience in implementing food security projects.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Outstanding ability to effectively communicate, collaborate and interact with others in personal and professional settings
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge of multi-sectoral programming, food security, peacebuilding, agribusiness activities involving smallholder farmers and climate-smart agricultural practices.
- Excellent writing, communication and presentation skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and other proposal writing tools.
- Proficiency in English is required. Knowledge of Dari and Pashto is highly desirable
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Good strategic planning abilities
- Good time management and organizational skills
- Willingness to travel to the field to support partners and famers
- Has an eye on detail
- Ability to work effectively under pressure, manage multiple tasks simultaneously, and meet deadlines.

**Submission Guideline:**

All qualified candidates are requested to open the given link and follow the instructions:

Applications will only be accepted via the following link:

[https://ncaco.recman.no/job.php?job\\_id=411978](https://ncaco.recman.no/job.php?job_id=411978)

**NCA does not charge or have any registered agents for job application or any form of paid priority listing. Application through the supplied web link is completely free.**

**Submission Email:**

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**Education & Experience**

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**Compensation & Other Benefits**

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