



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

FIELD TECHNICIAN (IRRIGATION AND AGRONOMY)

Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE) is a Non-Governmental and Not-for-profit Organization established in March 1997. CYECE exists to empower children, adolescents, and young people, and promote their rights and wellbeing through community mobilization, capacity building, behavior change communication, research, and advocacy; taking into account the values of transparency, accountability, professionalism, diversity, inclusiveness and equality. CYECE's vision is; By 2030, Malawi and the world at large is a climate sensitive society where children and young people in their diversities are safe, empowered, health and are meaningfully participating in social economic development.

CYECE headquarters is based in Lilongwe in Area 15 and it has programmes across Malawi with community-based projects in Lilongwe, Kasungu, Dowa, Salima, Mchinji, Dedza in the central region, Mangochi, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Zomba, Thyolo, Blantyre and Chikhwawa in the southern Region and Karonga, Nkhatabay, Mzimba in the northern region.

With support from Phillip Morris International (PMI), CYECE is implementing a project on school feeding and afterschool activities in tobacco-growing communities in Dowa, Mchinji and Kasungu districts as part of the efforts towards Child Labour Elimination in tobacco-growing areas. During the food lean period (Sep – Mar), which coincidentally coincide with the peak tobacco production period as well as during tobacco peak period (Jan-April), the project prepares and provide school meals for learners in the targeted schools to improve the school attendance rate. The project supports the target schools and the surrounding communities to generate income through various income-generating interventions, such as irrigation farming for the sustainability of the feeding and after-school activities.

CYECE is seeking a highly skilled and motivated **Field Technician (Irrigation and Agronomy)** to join CYECE team.

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Position Type: Contract (1 Year)

Position Overview

The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing and implementing irrigation and agronomy activities across various sites in the central region of Malawi. The ideal candidate should have a strong background in irrigation technology and experience in managing irrigation schedules using relevant software tools.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversee irrigation and agronomy activities across different sites in the central region of Malawi, ensuring efficient water management and optimal crop production.
- Develop and implement irrigation schedules using Cropwat software to ensure efficient water use and crop health.

- Conduct regular site visits to monitor and evaluate the performance of irrigation systems and agronomic practices.
- Provide technical support and guidance to on-site staff regarding irrigation practices and agronomic management.
- Maintain accurate records of irrigation activities, system maintenance, and agronomic outcomes.
- Collaborate with the agronomy team to develop and implement best practices for crop management and soil health.
- Troubleshoot and resolve issues related to irrigation systems and equipment promptly.
- Stay updated with the latest advancements in irrigation technology and agronomy to enhance operational efficiency.

Qualifications and Experience

- A minimum of Diploma in Irrigation Technology or a related field is required.
- A minimum of 3 years of hands-on experience in irrigation and agronomy, preferably in a similar role.

Key competencies / Attributes and skills

- Knowledge and experience in drip irrigation systems.
- Proficiency in using Cropwat software for irrigation scheduling.
- A valid **motorbike/motor vehicle driver's license** and willingness to travel to various sites in the central region as required
- Strong understanding of agronomy principles and practices, particularly in relation to irrigation.
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple sites effectively.
- Strong problem-solving skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent communication and teamwork skills.

Additional Information

- Competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with experience.
- Opportunities for professional development and career growth.
- The position involves regular travel to project sites in the central region of Malawi.

Mode of Application

Interested candidates should submit their CV, a cover letter, and any relevant certifications to vacancies@cvecemw.org. Alternatively, applications can be submitted using the following address;

The Executive Director

Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE)
Off M1 Road, Area 15/6, Gogo Jenala Compound
P/Bag B-349
Lilongwe 3.

Applications must be received not later than **17:00hrs on Thursday 19th September 2024** and indicate the position you are applying for on the envelop / Email subject. Submissions after the deadline will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews.

CYEEC is an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from all qualified individuals regardless of gender, ethnicity, or disability.