

<b>Salary – As per Internship Regulation</b>	<b>Intern (Local) – Agriculture Value Chains</b>
Reports to:	Regional Coordinator
Duty Station:	Makeni, Sierra Leone
Project:	EET Project

## Overview

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH implements projects and programmes based on a bi-lateral agreement between the Governments of Germany and Sierra Leone. As a provider of international cooperation services for sustainable development and international education work, we are dedicated to building a future worth living around the world. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security. GIZ has been working in Sierra Leone since 1963 with now more than 100 national and international personnel working in projects implemented together with our Sierra Leonean partners funded by the German Government, the EU, and others.

The GIZ project “Youth Employment Promotion through Socio-Ecological and Economic Transformation of selected Rural Value Chains” (ET) aims at strengthening MSMEs in selected value chains in Sierra Leone with respect to business and job creation aspects, particularly for women and youth. To this end, the project works in three main fields of action:

1. Support for MSMEs in selected agricultural value chains: Through a holistic value chain approach, tailored training and coaching as well as different financial support modalities, MSMEs in several agricultural value chains will be strengthened, production facilities optimized, and new products and supply chains developed. Supported value chains are the cassava, vegetables, poultry and cocoa/coffee value chains. The focus is on the creation of jobs for women and young people.
2. Strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem: Under this output, ministries and the central bank will be advised on improving the general framework conditions for MSMEs and economic growth as well as improved access to finance for MSMEs.
3. Women economic empowerment: Women organisations and female entrepreneurs will be strengthened through training and mentoring along the 3R approach focusing on improved access to rights, representation and resources.
4. Improved Market access: Access to markets for agricultural producers, with a particular focus on women and young people, has been improved.
5. Inclusive TVET Systems: The vocational training system is more gender-responsive and better aligned with the needs of the labour market.

We are advertising the position of “**Intern (local) – Agriculture value chains in the EET Project in Makeni**”.

The intern will support the Regional Office in Makeni under the Socio-Ecological and Economic Transformation (EET) project in Sierra Leone. You will work closely with the Regional Coordinator and value chain advisors to enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs in the related agriculture value chains by providing relevant implementation skills and ensuring the inclusion of key stakeholders, particularly women and youth, in value chain development.

## **A. Key Responsibilities and Task**

### **Support Project Implementation- overall responsibilities:**

- Assist the advisors in planning and execution of agricultural ‘change project’ implementations within the EET Makeni project.
- Participate in the scoping and conduction of needs assessment of partners/ farmers, agricultural producers and processors.
- Support and participate in partners training workshops and capacity-building sessions including engagement on change project development
- Assist the project in its collaboration with agricultural stakeholders and local farmers to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

- Support the monitoring and reporting of interventions within the regional hub.

#### **Technical Assistance- Task:**

- Support project advisors in their technical support to partners in implementing improved agricultural methods for production, processing and marketing.
- Support project advisors in their advice to local partners and stakeholders, including farmers, cooperatives and MSMEs on best practices to improve productivity, efficiency and sustainability in the value chains intervention.
- Assist with the installation and provide guidance in the management of pertinent value chain equipment and storage facilities in the partners change projects interventions
- Assist in the development and dissemination of related materials and resources on best agricultural practices.
- Support project advisors in their advice to women-led enterprises and women organisations/cooperatives on promotion of women economic empowerment.

#### **Stakeholder Engagement - Task:**

- Support communication and coordination with project partners, local communities, and relevant government agencies including MAFs, SLARI, District and city councils.
- Participate in meetings and workshops with relevant stakeholders to discuss project progress and possible changes.

#### **Reporting and Documentation - Responsibilities:**

- Prepare regular reports on the progress of change projects activities and interventions.
- Document success stories, challenges, and lessons learned from the field.
- Participate in bi-weekly project update and planning meetings
- Where possible, participate in quarterly operational planning meetings

### **B. Administration and team linkages:**

- Active technical support to the value chain advisors for Cassava, Vegetable and Poultry
- Technical interlocution with the Development Advisor
- Ensure compliance with GIZ processes and rules (PuR) and code of conduct.

### **C. Requirements:**

#### **1. Educational Background:**

- Currently enrolled in or recently (not more than six months ago) graduated from a degree program in Agriculture, Agronomy, Environmental Science, or a related field.

#### **2. Skills and Competencies:**

- Basic knowledge of agricultural practices and techniques.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint

#### **3. Language Proficiency:**

- Fluency in English (written and spoken) is required.
- Knowledge of local languages in northern Sierra Leone is an asset.

#### **4. Other Requirements:**

- Willingness to travel to rural areas and work in field conditions.
- Commitment to promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural practices.
- Commitment to promoting the empowerment of women and youth MSMEs in the value chains of Vegetable, Poultry and Cassava.

#### **Mode of Application:**

Suitable candidates are invited to apply **not later than 10.06.2026** with this ref: **Intern, Agriculture Value Chains in the EET Project in Makeni.**

Applications include:

- Cover letter
- CV

- Photocopies of certificates

To be submitted **to the email address** [recruitmentsl@giz.de](mailto:recruitmentsl@giz.de). Only applicants shortlisted will be contacted for an interview. GIZ-Sierra Leone is an equal-opportunity employer, and therefore women are strongly encouraged to apply.