

# Vacancy Announcement for Mercy Corps

## **Mercy Corps Lebanon Position Title: Agriculture Engineer**

**BACKGROUND:** Mercy Corps exists to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities. The agency's programs currently reach 7 million people in more than 35 countries. Since 1979, Mercy Corps has provided over \$1 billion in assistance to people in 81 nations. Mercy Corps is a nonprofit organization with headquarters in Portland, Seattle, Cambridge, Washington, D.C. and Edinburgh, Scotland. In Lebanon, Mercy Corps has been working since 1993 in rural areas implementing projects in the fields of agriculture, tourism and environment.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Work closely with communities and individual farmers or small business owners to identify needs and opportunities in the program area, particularly those related to agri-Business/ agro-industries.
- Serve as a resource person for technical agricultural issues. Provide relevant market information and referrals to other resources to farmers and business owners.
- Assist in design, management, coordination and organization of the agribusiness programs and take the lead on certain projects as assigned.
- Conduct and review sub-sector analysis to identify the constraints and opportunities facing in agribusiness.
- Supervise the project implementation on an on-going basis and assist in preparing program reports as required. In coordination with M&E team supervise set up and manage an information and documentation system for the agribusiness program components.
- Recommend areas for continued program development based on lessons learned from the project implementation.
- Contribute to an atmosphere conducive to personal growth and development of the project staff.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A degree in agriculture engineering or another relevant field.
- Strong technical skills and experience in dealing with people and issues relating to agribusiness in Lebanon.
- A minimum of three years experience in development, implementation, monitoring and management of agribusiness program activities.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills are essential.
- Working knowledge of English language is a must.
- Ability to work positively under pressure and travel extensively to remote rural areas of Lebanon.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CVs:** November 11, 2005

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