Job Opportunity Announcement

Chief of Party Food for Peace Program - Kenya

Overview
Since 1963, ACDI/VOCA has worked in 148 countries to empower people in developing and transitional nations to succeed in the global economy. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACDI/VOCA is a nonprofit international development organization that delivers technical and management solutions in agriculture, economic growth, and resilience to promote economic prosperity and social inclusion. We empower people to make positive changes in their lives by applying our expertise in sustainable agriculture, resilience, economic opportunity, and access to finance to create meaningful, lasting impact.

In 2024 and 2025, ACDI/VOCA was named a Top Workplace by the Washington Post and received 2024 and 2025 Top Workplaces Culture Excellence recognition for its innovation, work-life flexibility, compensation & benefits, leadership, and purpose & values.

Position Summary

ACDI/VOCA is seeking a **Chief of Party** candidate for an anticipated **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food for Peace (FFP) Program in Kenya** Food for Peace non-emergency programming supports America's hardworking producers, while supporting global stability. By ensuring all eligible commodities are 100% U.S.-sourced, the program provides a reliable market for domestic crops while combating instability created by food insecurity in critical regions. Should ACDI/VOCA succeed with the opportunity, the employment is expected to start in early 2027.

The Chief of Party will provide strategic leadership, ensuring high-quality design, implementation, and oversight of the program. They will lead a multidisciplinary team, serve as the primary liaison with USDA and stakeholders, oversee compliance, and align activities with national priorities.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Serve as the primary point of contact with USDA, ACDI/VOCA headquarters, government counterparts, private sector stakeholders, and other local partners.
- Lead strategic planning, development of annual work plans, and day-to-day project implementation in compliance with USDA guidelines.
- Ensure timely, high-quality delivery of technical, financial, and operational aspects of the project.
- Supervise and mentor senior technical and operational staff, supporting professional development and performance management.

- Oversee the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system to ensure project targets are met or exceeded, applying adaptive management principles as needed.
- Promote sustainable public-private partnerships and private sector investment in target value chains.
- Ensure financial systems are in place to monitor expenditures and track progress against the work plan and budget.
- Represent the project in written and oral presentations to diverse audiences, including the client, local stakeholders, and internal leadership.
- Oversee coordination with subcontractors, consultants, and field teams to maintain technical and operational excellence.

Minimum Qualifications

- Master's degree in food systems, business administration, international development or a related field; additional years of service will be considered in lieu of an advanced degree.
- Minimum 15 years of progressive leadership experience managing complex, multi-sectoral international projects.
- Prior experience as Chief of Party or equivalent for USDA or other USG-funded projects; FFP experience strongly preferred.
- Proven success serving in a leadership role for a project addressing issues related to resilience, agriculture, natural resource management, agribusiness, or similar is required.
- Demonstrated technical expertise in food security and livelihoods and experience managing program implementation and financial reporting required.
- Proven ability to build and maintain relationships with host governments, donors, and other donor-funded projects and stakeholders, local organizations, and partners.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, especially in resource-constrained environments.
- Excellent communication (written and spoken) and collaboration skills across diverse teams and stakeholders.
- Familiarity with Kenya's social, political, economic, and cultural landscape is preferred.
- Fluency in English is required.

Location

This position will be based in **Kenya**, the specific location will depend on the zone of influence of the project and USDA's guidance.

Application Instructions

Please apply by November 30, 2026, via the following link: Kenya Chief of Party

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Local professionals are strongly encouraged to apply
ACDI/VOCA does not request payment or charge fees at any stage of the recruitment process