

SIERRA LEONE CIVIL SERVICE

JOB DESCRIPTION

Agricultural Extension Officer

JOB DETAILS

Job Title: Agricultural Extension Officer

Supervisor/ Manager Title: Senior Agricultural Extension Officer

MDA: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Unit/Division/Directorate:
Agricultural Extension Services Directorate

Grade: 7

Job Summary

The jobholder is responsible for providing agriculture extension services to farmers and farmer-based organisations in the District to help them obtain the best results with regard to sustainable agricultural production.

Key Duties

Duty responsibility	Estimated Percentage of time (%)
Receive and distribute farm input to farmers and farmer groups, and assist with application of farm inputs.	40
Coordinate workshops, farmer field schools and other training programmes to provide farmers and field staff with information on new technologies and methods of improving farming and farming activities.	30
Establish demonstration farms to help farmers acquire practical farming skills in high yielding crops.	30

Occasional duties

The jobholder may be required to:

- Attend workshops, trainings, conferences etc.
- Organise field days for farmers
- Perform any other duty assigned by supervisor

Judgement and Decision-Making

The jobholder makes routine operational decisions such as determining which farm or farmer to visit.

Educational Requirements

A minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, Agriculture General or related discipline from an accredited University

Related Job Experience

Entry Level

Competencies/skills

- Knowledge in designing agricultural project, farm management, farm operations and marketing;
- Basic knowledge of weed and pests identification and control;
- Knowledge in soil testing and fertilizer application;
- Basic knowledge in project planning and implementation;
- People Management;
- Computer skills;
- Planning and organizing skills;
- Effective oral and written communication skills.

Work environment

The job is mostly field-based with severe exposure to hazards and moderate physical strains such as working prolonged hours with Visual Display Units (VDUs). There is also a moderate disruption to leisure due to requirement to do over time and make early starts.