

Job Title: Nutrition Superintendent (1) – NARC

Position Description: The Nutrition Superintendent will serve as an instructor that rollout and reinforces key messages in the promotion of new food products technologies and innovative approaches that ensures improved nutrition and health outcomes and their related activities.

Reporting to: The Nutrition Instructor is accountable to the SLARI Head of Food and Nutrition unit.

Duty Station: NARC. Travel to other Research Centres will be required.

Duration: Permanent

Closing Date: 16th December, 2022

Duties and Responsibilities:

The main duties of the Nutrition Superintendent are:

Incumbent is required to complete the Annual Staff Appraisal Report Form for performance evaluation

- ✓ Teach low-income Farmers basic healthy eating and food production messages, according to the highlighted objectives of each lesson in the Superintendent Guides.
- ✓ Encourage discussions on each message, allowing participants to brainstorm how they might put new behaviors into action, discuss barriers to adopting new behaviors, and share ideas with their peers for overcoming barriers.
- ✓ Select and implement hands-on activities that allow participants to practice key skills and feel comfortable implementing/adopting new healthy behaviors.
- ✓ Provide advice to farmers on problems or opportunities in food processing, marketing, preservation and family livelihood;
- ✓ Transfer new technologies to farmers and rural people on different food processing techniques

- ✓ Facilitate development of local skills and organizations, and to serve as links with other programmes and institutions involved in nutrition and health related activities;
- ✓ Address public interest issues in rural areas, resource conservation, health and food security
- ✓ Monitor food production and safety, nutrition and family education as well as youth development.
- ✓ Prepare weekly and monthly activity reports.
- ✓ Promote the use of food recipes developed by nutrition units of the Institute using the mandated food crops to enhance the health of the rural population.
- ✓ Support and train female farmers/owners in good health and sanitation practices (construction of plate rakes, use of laundry lines, washing of hands before handling food etc)
- ✓ Train Female farmers in new food preparation techniques and methods to enhance value addition in the area of high value products.
- ✓ Attend health related meetings at district level and prepare reports for submission to Extension Officer.
- ✓ Deliver the different Nutrition/ health services requested by the Supervisor.
- ✓ Perform any other related duty as may be assigned.

Academic Requirement

- ✓ A degree in nutrition, food technology or related field.

Experience

- ✓ Three (3) years' experience working in a food production firm.
- ✓ Experience with office management software like MS Office (MS Excel and MS Word, specifically);

Professional Knowledge and Skills:

- ✓ Strong skills in food products development
- ✓ Team working skills;
- ✓ Keen interest in the impact of diet on health;
- ✓ Good interpersonal skills;
- ✓ Communication skills, including the ability to explain complex things simply;
- ✓ An understanding of Science;

- ✓ Able to motivate others;
- ✓ Strong organization skills with a problem-solving attitude;
- ✓ Attention to detail;
- ✓ Excellent communication and writing skills;
- ✓ Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously;
- ✓ Fluent in English;
- ✓ Excellent organizational skills and ability to work in fast-paced environment;
- ✓ Ability to work as a team player.
- ✓ An understanding of food science and how it affects bodies;
- ✓ Good research and analysis skills;
- ✓ In-depth knowledge of different dietary allergies and restrictions.
- ✓ Any other duties assigned by the supervisor

Application Procedure:

Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute (SLARI) will consider applications from any suitably qualified Sierra Leonean and experienced applicant. **All application letters including CVs and other relevant documents should be enveloped and addressed to the Administrative Officer, Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute Headquarters, Tower Hill, Freetown before the close of office on Friday, 16th December 2022.** Enclosing: – a cover letter explaining why you think you would be suitable for the post, including examples of how you have demonstrated the required competencies; – a copy of your CV; – the names and contact details of three referees (whom we can contact with your consent in case of your being selected), who have good knowledge of your work and character.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.