

Vacancy announcement

Position	Area Coordinator	Starting date	September 2019
Location	Bor Mingkaman - South Sudan	Type of contract	Fixed Terms Contract
Contract duration	12 months renewable	Security Risk Level	Very risky

About ACTED

Since 1993, as an international non-governmental organization, ACTED has been committed to immediate humanitarian relief to support those in urgent need and protect people's dignity, while co-creating longer term opportunities for sustainable growth and fulfilling people's potential.

ACTED endeavors to respond to humanitarian crises and build resilience; promote inclusive and sustainable growth; co-construct effective governance and support the building of civil society worldwide by investing in people and their potential.

We go the last kilometer: ACTED's mission is to save lives and support people in meeting their needs in hard to reach areas. ACTED develops and implements programs that target the most vulnerable amongst populations that have suffered from conflict, natural disaster, or socio-economic hardship. ACTED's approach looks beyond the immediate emergency towards opportunities for longer term livelihoods reconstruction and sustainable development.

With a budget of 190 million EUR in 2015, ACTED is active in 35 countries and implements more than 495 projects a year reaching over 11 million beneficiaries with 400 international staff and 4,300 national staff.

Country Profile (2015)

Number of projects	25
Number of areas	5
Number of national staff	317
Annual budget (EUR)	20.78 Million Euros
Number of offices	6
Number of international staff	49

Position context and key challenges

ACTED has been present in South Sudan since 2007, and is currently operating in Western Bahr-el-Ghazal, Warrap, Jonglei, Upper Nile, Lakes, and Central Equatoria states. ACTED focuses on emergency and relief works around water, sanitation and hygiene promotion; basic infrastructure; food security and livelihoods; and integrated camp management. All of these interventions continue to provide basic and life-saving assistance to vulnerable populations, specifically IDPs, refugees and host communities.

Since the aftermath of the South Sudanese conflict that erupted in December 2013, ACTED has been contributing to the delivery of humanitarian services to 1.7 million displaced persons, 270,767 refugees, and 5.1 million people in need. ACTED continues to providing camp management services in 2 Protection of Civilian (POC) Sites, 1 informal settlement and 2 refugee camps, while contributing to Camp Coordination as co-lead of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management cluster. Acknowledging the importance of engaging in early recovery to transition towards sustainable solutions, ACTED supports communities in improving their livelihoods through the promotion of income generating activities, community saving groups, and Agro Pastoralist Field schools in Greater Bahr al Ghazal, Greater Upper Nile and Lakes.

Improving effective delivery of services in displacement sites

As camp manager, ACTED coordinates the delivery of services to internally displaced people and refugees in Maban, Awerial, Bor and Juba Counties benefiting a total of over 140,000 refugees and 110,000 internally displaced persons. Within the scope of camp management interventions, ACTED's team in South Sudan undertake a multi-sectoral approach to establish and empower internal governance structures, ensure access to water and hygienic facilities, facilitate peace between host and displaced communities, and increase the protection of people with special needs. A high emphasis was put in establishing accountability and feedback system at the various displacement sites to improve the delivery of services.

Ensuring access to safe water and a sanitary and hygienic living environment

In 2015, ACTED prioritized the provision of water and sanitation services to people at risk of disease outbreak as well as displaced populations with limited access to water and sanitation facilities. ACTED has been expanding the provision of water and sanitation services to the refugee population of Doro, Kaya and Gendrassa camp and improved sanitation practices in rural areas such as Akobo county.

Improving food security and ensuring access to livelihoods

ACTED's interventions focus on first addressing the dire food security needs of displaced populations through emergency food distributions within internally displaced and refugee camps, while also working to improve the resilience of vulnerable people across the country through seed and tool distributions and the offer of food for the construction of community assets. Through this approach, ACTED aims to both address food insecurity in displaced

populations while building population resilience in the transition towards early recovery, managing to reach over 150,000 beneficiaries.

Transitioning into early recovery

As the country slowly recovers from the havoc wrought from decades of conflict, ACTED's programming increasingly focus on building resilience and improving living conditions of the country's poor and displaced populations. Moving forward, ACTED's camp team is looking at devising and executing comprehensive plans for the return or integration of displaced populations. Secondly, ACTED aims to increase the living standards and ensure the livelihoods of the South Sudanese population, via increasing access to income generating activities and sustainable incomes, tackling the underlying drivers of food insecurity and poverty.

Key roles and responsibilities

1. Positioning

1.1. Context analysis: Ensure ACTED has an up-to-date understanding of the area's socio-economic situation, trends, needs and gaps, and who does what and where (3W)

1.2. Strategy Implementation: Take a lead role in implementing ACTED's country program strategy in the area identifying strategic opportunities for expanding ACTED's work in the area, and in particular

- a) Identify new opportunities and new sectors of intervention;
- b) Consolidate and stabilize programming;
- c) Review the geographic and thematic footprint;
- d) Ensure activities are relevant and meeting area/beneficiary needs;
- e) Identify ACTED added-value;
- f) Ensure humanitarian principles are adhered to;
- g) Contribute to identifying new donors, private sector partners, national and international NGOs, think tanks, academia, etc. to work with in the area based on complementarity and added value;.

1.3. Networking, positioning and general representation:

- a) Participate in donor meetings at area level and communicate relevant information to the Country Director and other relevant staff;
- b) Establish, maintain and improve active and regular working relationships with other NGOs, UN agencies, clusters, working groups, consortia, etc. at area level ensuring maximum visibility of ACTED
- c) Establish, maintain, and improve active and regular working relationships with local authorities and where necessary non-state actors and obtain required authorizations and buy-in for ACTED's activities at area level
- d) Ensure ACTED is represented in key clusters, working groups, NGO coordination bodies, etc. at area level

1.4. Proposal development

- a) Lead assessment(s) at area level to ensure proposals are relevant
- b) Support the Country Director and Project Development Department in proposal conceptualisation (problem statement, logframe) within the framework of the country, regional and global strategy
- c) Contribute to budget design ensure budget needs at area level have been taken into consideration

1.5. Advocacy: Contribute to drafting issues papers, advocacy notes, press releases on relevant humanitarian and development issues in the area of operation

1.6. Promotion of ACTED network: Keep abreast with and contribute to ACTED's global initiatives and global trends, in particular Impact (REACH, Agora), Convergences and Oxus

2. Management and Internal Coordination

2.1. Staff Management

- a) Ensure that all staff in the area understand and are able to perform their roles and responsibilities related to area operations and link with the capital Head of Departments
- b) Promote team building, productivity and staff welfare
- c) Mentor and support the team to build capacities, and improve efficiency and performance, and follow career management
- d) Manage interpersonal conflicts among staff at area level

2.2. Internal Coordination

- a) Facilitate interdepartmental communication and information sharing for a positive working environment
- b) Ensure implementation of ACTED coordination mechanism at area level (WAM, MAR, FLAT meeting, etc.)

3. Project Implementation Follow-up

3.1. Project Implementation Tracking

- a) Supervise Project Managers in the area and provide support to project implementation through trouble shooting and eliminating blocking points
- b) Monitor output achievement, cash burn rates and ensure a time completion of projects through review of PMFs,

- c) Ensure that relevant project information are up-to-date and available for reporting purposes
- d) Ensure coordination and complementarity amongst projects within the area of intervention

3.2. Project Quality Control

- a) Ensure the application of a practical field based M&E system/plan for each project
- b) Conduct frequent field visits to project sites to assess activities and ensure efficient use of resources
- c) Advise Project Managers to adapt projects according to monitoring and evaluation findings
- d) Ensure beneficiary feedback mechanisms are in place
- e) Ensure capitalisation of best practices and lessons learnt for projects in the area of operations.

3.3. Partner Management

- a) Identify potential local partners in the area based on an assessment of complementarity and added value
- b) Provide support to partners in project implementation and ensure timely and qualitative implementation of projects by partners in line with ACTED and donor requirements

4. FLATS Management

4.1. Finance Management

- a) Control project budgets at area level to avoid under/over spending
- b) Ensure accurate budget forecasting and efficient cash flow management
- c) Ensure timely and accurate area finance TITANIC reporting

4.2. Logistics & IT Management

- a) Ensure timely procurement and adherence to rules of origin and nationality at area level
- b) Ensure quality supply management at area level
- c) Ensure proper asset management at area level and enforce asset investment policy
- d) Ensure proper stock management at area level
- e) Ensure proper IT systems, data back-up and protection from malware at area level
- f) Ensure sufficient and reliable means of communication at area level
- g) Ensure timely and accurate area logistics TITANIC reporting

4.3. Administration and HR Management

- a) Ensure transparent and timely recruitment of national staff and contribute to international staff recruitment upon capital request
- b) Proactively adapt the staffing structure to needs and funding
- c) Ensure regular performance appraisal and career management for staff at area level
- d) Ensure timely and accurate area HR TITANIC reporting
- e) Ensure timely exit forms

4.4. Transparency/Compliance Management

- a) Minimize risk of fraud and corruption by ensuring adherence to ACTED FLATS procedures
- b) Ensure that staff is aware of ACTED's transparency and whistle blowing policy

4.5. Security Management

- a) Analyse the security context at area level and in close collaboration with the Country Security Manager contribute to defining, analysing and evaluating risks
- b) Engage with relevant key stakeholders at area level to ensure access and support of interventions
- c) Address security and safety risks by implementing standard operating procedures defined for the area
- d) Ensure the offices and houses conform to recommended security, health and safety
- e) Ensure all staff in the area adhere to security procedures
- f) Ensure security incidents at area level are promptly reported to the capital

Required qualifications and technical competencies

University education in a relevant field such as international development, emergency operations, humanitarian programming, technical degree in camp management, or the like;
 Extensive project management experience (management, planning, staff development and training skills) in emergency and/or development programmes
 Base management skills preferred
 At least four years relevant work experience, preferably including camp settings
 Proven capabilities in leadership and management required
 Ability to work well and punctually under pressure
 Excellent skills in written and spoken English
 Strong negotiation and interpersonal skills, and flexibility in cultural and organizational terms
 Ability to work well and punctually under pressure
 Knowledge of local language and/or regional experience an asset

Conditions

Salary defined by the ACTED salary grid; educational level, expertise, hardship, security, and performance are considered for pay bonus
Additional monthly living allowance
Free food and lodging provided at the organisation's guesthouse
Transportation costs covered, including additional return ticket + luggage allowance
Provision of medical, life, and repatriation insurance

How to Apply

Please send your application including cover letter, CV and references to jobs@acted.org under
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