

KENYA

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Internship Title: Determining the Cost Benefits of Integrating Horticulture into Staple Crop Production Project-Kenya

Time Period: June 10-25, 2024

Project Background: The International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED) received funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Innovation Lab for Horticulture (ILH) to undertake the cost-benefit analysis of integrating horticulture with staples among smallholder women farmers in Kenya. This is an 18-month project that aims to evaluate the economic potential of Indigenous leafy Vegetables (ILVs) to farmers to warrant its widespread promotion. Phase I of the project will involve field collection of both recall and real-time data with farmers on the benefit and cost streams of (ILVs) production. This will be followed by 5 rounds of Agile data collection segmented based on production seasons. As part of this project, the graduate intern will conduct a case study of the cost and benefit streams of ILVs production constituting the pre-field phase (development of the study protocols), field phase (contact and interaction with a few selected farmers), and reporting phase (Case study reporting). While conducting the case study, the graduate intern will conduct some fieldwork but will also learn and implement in-depth interviews using Agile approaches.

Research Question(s) or Specific Issues to be Addressed	Range of Acceptable Disciplines	Deliverables
<p>What is the economic potential of Indigenous leafy Vegetables (ILVs) to farmers to warrant its widespread promotion?</p> <p>Serve as the data administrator (store data, maintain security, etc.)</p> <p>Organize, coordinate, and manage data in the software provided.</p> <p>Support the development of a data analysis plan.</p> <p>Identify areas for further investigation and analysis.</p> <p>Synthesis and writing of data analysis findings.</p>	<p>Bachelor's degree in agricultural-related courses.</p> <p>Some master's level coursework in agricultural-related courses.</p> <p>Experience with qualitative and quantitative data analysis is recommended.</p> <p>Strong organizational and analytical skills.</p>	<p>We expect that the internship will be completed by Tuesday 25th, June 2024. It is understood that the intern will work 20-40 hours per week together with the research team at the ICED office in Nairobi, Kenya. After the point in time when the intern is no longer based in Kenya, any remaining analysis and writing may be completed remotely. Prior to the departure, however, the intern is expected to provide ICED with the following deliverables:</p> <p>Written data analysis plan.</p> <p>Draft report of preliminary research findings.</p>



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