

Comundo places and accompanies professionals on assignments in Africa and Latin America and is the leading Swiss organization for personnel development cooperation. The cooperation with local partner organizations contributes to the sustainable improvement of the living conditions of children, youth and older people. We offer you the chance to share your knowledge and experience and at the same time set a unique milestone in your biography!

Technical Advisor in Organic Farming

Country, Place:	Kenya, Ongata Rongai/Kajiado County with regular visits to Yarumal missions in Samburu County
Partner Organisation:	Xaverian Missionaries of Yarumal
Duration:	2 – 3 years
Start of assignment:	as soon as possible

Organic farming methods that are more resilient to drought could be the solution to poverty and hunger. They also can contribute to reduce overgrazing and improve soil fertility. In addition, organic agriculture combines environmental protection with low-cost technology and access to markets with high prices. Organic agriculture plays an important role in rural employment by hiring more seasonal workers and given the increasing sales of organic food, will likely also create opportunities in occupations related to organic agriculture.

In 2017, the **Yarumal missionaries** have started to establish the 3000Friends farm in Ongata Rongai as a demo farm to train community representatives, staff and missionaries to develop skills to train others and improve their livelihoods. The purpose of the 3000Friends Farm goes far beyond training different target groups. It serves as a living example of how knowledge and skills can be applied in practice by smallholder farmers (the demo farm itself is relatively small) and how it is possible to make a living from farming even with a small farm.

Your activities / tasks

As a Comundo co-worker, you will contribute to strengthening the farms' training and production departments. Specifically, you will provide support for the setting up of a self-sustainable center for organic farming that offers quality training and demonstration for community leaders and Yarumal missionaries. You will:

- Develop and implement a farm master plan including promising value chains
- Introduce an integrated crop-livestock farming system
- Support the development of the training and the production departments
- Develop a training concept, training courses and training materials
- Train farm employees, trainers and community representatives
- Raise awareness on organic farming through networking and meetings

Your profile

- Degree in agriculture, forestry, natural resource management or related disciplines with a focus on organic farming
- Practical experience in farm management value chain development and economic aspects of farming
- Experience in agricultural training and extension
- Experience in organisational development
- Good English language skills

General requirements

- Completed vocational or tertiary education
- At least 2 years of professional experience
- Between 25 and 60 years old.
- Resident in Switzerland or Germany
- Very good knowledge of English
- Intercultural competencies and the ability to act in diverse contexts
- Good physical and mental health
- Basic knowledge in project management, institutional development and adult education welcome
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- High social skills and intercultural sensitivity
- You are motivated to live a simple lifestyle
- You are prepared to contribute to public relations and fundraising

We offer

- An exciting working environment with an ample space for initiative, participation and intercultural contacts
- An adequate preparation
- Introduction to the situation of the country of assignment and local support
- Living and insurance costs during your assignment
- Travelling costs in both directions
- Initial financial aid after your return

Application Procedure

Before submitting a written application, we recommend that you contact Comundo and attend an information event in your region. This will provide you with more detailed information about the application procedure, the working conditions, the working culture and benefits. You will find the respective dates as well as more information on our website: www.comundo.org

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