Youth Net and Counselling

Vacancy

Agribusiness Development Officer

Youth Net and Counselling (YONECO) is strengthening its programmes at Y Net Investments, a business arm of YONECO. YONECO therefore seeks the services of an Agribusiness Development Officer tenable at its Head Office in Zomba.

Job description

The Agribusiness Development Officer will be responsible for overseeing the planning, implementation, and monitoring of all agribusiness activities under YONECO. This includes development and management of YONECO Agribusiness Youth revolving fund system, Youth Contract Farming, supporting youth farmers with inputs, capacity building, and market linkage facilitation.

Key Responsibilities

Agribusiness Development

a) Design the sustainable youth agribusiness fund as a revolving initiative.
b) Identify, engage, and support youth farmers and youth-led agribusinesses.
c) Assess business viability and capacity of youth applicants for the input support.
d) Provide technical support in farm business planning, budgeting, and enterprise development.

Youth Fund Management

a) Administer the input support revolving fund in coordination with finance and procurement teams.
b) Ensure timely distribution of inputs to eligible youth farmers.
c) Monitor repayment schedules and ensure recovery mechanisms are adhered to.
d) Maintain accurate records of disbursements, recoveries, and balances.

Capacity Building and Extension Support

a) Organize and conduct training sessions on agribusiness management, input use, good agricultural practices (GAP), and financial literacy.
b) Work with agricultural extension agents, radio program teams, and partners to provide continuous technical support.

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

a) Track the performance of supported youth farmers (yields, profits, repayment, etc.).
b) Contribute to data collection, impact stories, and periodic project reports.
c) Provide monthly updates and quarterly progress reports

Partnerships and Market Linkages

a) Facilitate partnerships with input suppliers, buyers, processors, and financial institutions.
b) Support youth farmers in accessing output markets for their produce.
c) Engage youth farmers in developing value chains and value chains management

Qualifications and Experience
Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, or related field.

At least 5-8 years of experience in Agribusiness development or Agricultural finance.

a) Experience working with youth, NGOs, or donor-funded agricultural projects.
b) Knowledge of revolving fund mechanisms and financial management principles.
c) Strong skills in training, facilitation, and community mobilization.
d) Proficiency in digital tools (Excel, data collection apps, etc.).
e) Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written.
f) Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Desired Attributes

a) Integrity, transparency, and accountability in managing resources.
b) Youth-friendly and gender-sensitive approach.
c) Knowledge of local agricultural systems and value chains.

How to apply
Qualified and interested individuals should submit their detailed curriculum vitae, cover letter, copies of relevant certificates and names and contact telephone numbers of at least three traceable referees not later than **25 September 2026** to the email address below with the subject line "Application: Agribusiness Development Officer"

YONECO is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified women are encouraged to apply.

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