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Job Title:	Climate Change innovation volunteer
Type of Contract:	Volunteer
Unit / Division:	Programme
Duty Station (City, Country):	Lilongwe, Malawi
Duration:	6 months

Background

Climate change is one of the main drivers of food insecurity in Malawi. Due to climate change, weather-related disasters, such as floods and droughts are becoming more frequent and intense. The incident of weather-related shocks, either drought or floods, increased from 25.8% to 35.1% between 2010/11 and 2016/17[1].

WFP's Climate Change Policy² defines how the organization contributes to addressing the impacts of climate change, promoting progress towards ending hunger and malnutrition. WFP works with governments and humanitarian partners on the frontlines of the global climate crisis, responding to an increasing number of climate-related disasters while supporting governments and the most food insecure and vulnerable communities to best adapt to the negative impacts of climate change on food and nutrition security.

In Malawi, WFP provides an integrated package of activities to support the Government in improving the lives of households amongst the most vulnerable communities, with a strategic focus on rural areas, which comprise 83 percent of the total population of the country. WFP Malawi's 2019-2023 Country Strategic Plan sets the ambitious goal of helping Malawi embark on a sustainable path to achieving food and nutrition security by 2030. In addition to providing life-saving assistance, WFP's approach focuses on the provision of technical assistance through an integrated package of interventions anchored to existing national policies and programmes. These include early warning systems and anticipatory action, comprehensive climate risk assessment and management, and resilience-building of communities, paying attention to the diversity of capacities, needs and interests of the population under threat. WFP Malawi is also supporting a number of promising technologies/innovation to support communities to access off-grid cold chain solutions and clean energy.

Accountabilities/Responsibilities

Within this framework, the Volunteer will work under the supervision of the Head of Resilience in close coordination with other key programme colleagues so support work being undertaken on climate smart agriculture and climate change mitigation activities.

The following are the key activities to expand WFP Malawi's engagement on climate change initiatives:

1. Mapping of ongoing activities in country
2. Review and identify key stakeholders (particularly non-traditional stakeholders)
3. Identify opportunities for climate financing
4. Research and identify opportunities for climate related innovations

Qualifications and Experience Required

- Education:**
- Qualification in Economics, Food Systems, Supply Chain Management, Logistics, Technology, Operations, Analytics, or another relevant field

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- Experience:**
- Experience in research and analysis, methods design, quantitative and qualitative research in social sciences, etc.
- Knowledge and Skills:**
- Understanding of national development planning and programming processes including National Development Plans and strategies
 - Track record of excellent English report writing
 - Good communication and interpersonal skills
 - Ability to work with people from different cultures and background.
- Languages:** Fluency in English language (Level C)