TITLE: Knowledge Management Officer

PARTNER(S): Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA)

COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: Ghana, Tamale (2 other locations available, Bolgatanga and Wa)

CONTRACT DURATION: 12 weeks

DESCRIPTION:

Uniterra is a leading Canadian international volunteer cooperation and development program, jointly implemented by the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities in 14 countries and with over 170 partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas through the exchange of expertise and knowledge of Canadian and international volunteers. Uniterra believes that economic growth, when inclusive, is the most powerful driver of poverty reduction. The purpose of the Uniterra program is to improve the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable populations by stimulating growth and facilitating access to the benefits of growing and diversified markets. To make this happen, we are working with our local partners to enhance the income of poor and marginalized women and youth through better access to employment and income generation opportunities. Uniterra country program staff work with our local partners to design Uniterra assignments in the context of the country strategy, supporting the inclusion of women and youth in key economic subsectors.

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The Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA) was introduced by the government of Ghana to bridge the visible development gap between northern and southern Ghana, with significantly higher levels of poverty in the north. The goal of SADA is to double per capita incomes of northern Ghanaians and reduce poverty to 20 percent within 20 years in the Northern Savannah Ecological Zone (NSEZ). SADA has been convening the agricultural sector within the NSEZ, which is a new group formed and convened by SADA to provide information and coordinate activities of stakeholders. Among other things, this includes determining research areas, pricing mechanisms for agricultural products, seed availability and cost. Though many researchers have conducted guinea fowl subsector research in the area, the information is scattered and inaccessible. A key outcome from the Uniterra program sector committee meeting in 2017 by market actors and stakeholders called for comprehensive documentation and sharing of relevant information for decision-making and investment opportunities.

The Knowledge Management Officer volunteer will contribute to SADA’s objectives to coordinate development interventions in and Uniterra program objectives in networking and
Sharing best practices in the guinea fowl value chain in northern Ghana.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Review and compile literature on guinea fowl best practices;
- Liaise with relevant government offices to identify past and present initiatives, and sources of information for the general public;
- Produce a one-stop information source for the northern region poultry sector;
- With support from staff, identify local market actors and farmers and encourage their representation in the agricultural working group;
- Support staff to facilitate linkages among market actors by collecting contacts of producers and farmers;
- Encourage partners and volunteers to participate in activities of the working group;
- Ensure that there is equal participation of men and women in all activities;
- Write reports required by SADA and the Uniterra program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience in conducting research and analysis
- Ability to work in a team and network, building strong professional relationships
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in an intercultural environment
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English