



Job Description

Project Delivery Controller

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Full-time, Start-Date: Immediate Mandate

Company Background

Founded in 1957, Vestergaard has been a family-owned, for-profit company for over 60 years, and operates under a unique “social entrepreneurship” business model that is dedicated to creating and deploying technologies that improve the lives of people in developing countries. Doing good is good business. We are driven by a desire to lessen the burden on the most vulnerable populations and we have aligned our business objectives with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. Vestergaard is not content with “business as usual,” and has been at the forefront of innovation of disease prevention in the developing context. Backed by research in the lab and in the field, our disease-control products include cutting-edge PermaNet® 3.0 bed nets, ZeroFly® bags for food security, SmartNet (digital network) and Chombo® post-harvest virtual silo application & system. As an innovation driven company Vestergaard also invented the LifeStraw® safe water products which are today sold through our sister company as leading brands in the outdoors and home water filtration markets. Originally developed in collaboration with the Carter Foundation, LifeStraw® Filters helped to almost entirely eradicate Guinea Worm disease from 3.5MIO cases down to 54 in 2019. The company has a core staff of approximately 130 in multiple locations and works with an exclusive contracting partner with 6000+ employees dedicated to our business in Vietnam. Using cutting edge polymer technology Permanent® 3.0 bed nets combine an insecticide and a metabolic synergist to address the problem of mosquito insecticide resistance. Vestergaard has produced and delivered over 800m bed nets since the beginning covering over 1.6bn lives in Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia. According to the Lancet 68% of the 9m deaths averted, through all interventions for Malaria, are directly attributable to bed nets and no other company has produced or delivered as many bed nets as Vestergaard. Equally ZeroFly® and Chombo® have benefited over 350’000 small holder farmers and have safely stored over 550’000 tons of grains to prevent post-harvest losses and protecting financial incomes. In this regard Vestergaard and its owner Mikkel Vestergaard Frandsen have received multiple awards and accolades including: Social Economic Innovation Award (The Economist), the Saatchi & Saatchi Award for World Changing Ideas and a spot on “Women Deliver 100” list of the most influential people contributing to the health of women and girls around the world to name a few.

Vestergaard is driven by 5 key values:

Passioneering®
Innovative Challenger
Speed of Response
Deliver with Precision
Responsibility

Our global headquarters is in Switzerland, with regional offices in India and Vietnam ensuring a global reach.



Position Summary

Our GroR platform enables smallholder farmers to access off-takers by ensuring full chain of custody and high-quality crops. We provide them with the right quality inputs, access to capital and risk-mitigation as well as training.

Vestergaard is seeking a talented and experienced Project Delivery Controller – Nairobi based to join our growing agricultural business by assisting our local implementing partner Farmshine.io to expand our GroR platform.

Reporting to our Managing Director, Food Security based in Switzerland, with a functional reporting line to the CEO at Farmshine.io you will be getting your hand dirty ramping up our platform, getting farmers enrolled, ensuring project is following agreed timelines and raising flags whenever timelines are not met. We will ask you to own the project plan and when needed be part of the team to bring plan back on schedule.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Ensuring projects meet deadlines
- Ensuring the delivery of the targets established
- Leading project planning sessions
- Monitor the management of the field staff
- Managing project progress and adapt work as required
- Overseeing all incoming and outgoing project documentation
- Designing with CEO risk mitigation plan and implementing it
- Conducting project review and creating detailed reports for executive staff and Vestergaard Management

Key Competencies (skills):

- Proven ability to coordinate and manage project issues, risks, and changes (to control time, scope, and cost).
- Detail-driven, passionate for precision and accuracy
- Analytically rigorous and competent collecting and organizing data
- Have excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills.
- Ability to effectively lead problem-solving and brainstorming sessions for project teams and management.
- Have a good sense of humor.



Experience and Education

- Minimum 5 years' experience in technical auditing and evaluation of projects, in agriculture it is a bonus
- Experience in agricultural product development process and product launch strategies.
- Experience in transport logistics is a bonus
- Tech savvy
- Proficiency in use of Office 365
- Basic SQL knowledge or other database query languages.

About Farmshine.io

Farmshine.io is a global agriculture platform where farmers, buyers and service providers can trade on mutually beneficial terms.

Applications:

Vestergaard believes that diversity, equity and inclusion is critical to our success. We are an equal opportunity employer whose team works hard to build respect, dignity and equity into everything we do. We seek to recruit, develop and retain the most talented, driven and entrepreneurial minded people from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

If you possess the above qualifications and the drive to meet the challenges, please send your cover letter to jobs@vestergaard.com enclosing your CV. We will only respond to electronic applications and to shortlisted applicants.