The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) seeks to recruit a Post-doctoral fellow to conduct social science and gender research on control of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) through a newly funded project operating in 6 countries in East and West Africa. PPR causes significant losses in small ruminants and thus jeopardizing livelihoods of small holders in East and West Africa. Given the important role of women in managing small ruminants, there is a need to understand how this important livestock disease affects different household members, how women can play a role in supporting disease control efforts and how engaging women can transform their livelihoods.

ILRI works to improve food and nutritional security and reduce poverty in developing countries through research for efficient, safe and sustainable use of livestock. It is the only one of 15 CGIAR research centres dedicated entirely to animal agriculture research for the developing world. Co-hosted by Kenya and Ethiopia, it has regional or country offices and projects in East, South and Southeast Asia as well as Central, East, Southern and West Africa. [www.ilri.org](http://www.ilri.org)

**Responsibilities:**

- Carry out a range of tasks to conduct social science and gender research on PPR: review literature, contribute to research and survey design, prepare datasets, apply modelling procedures, write up results for publication.
- Identify gendered barriers and opportunities in small ruminant systems to PPR management.
- Link closely with the epidemiology team to develop epi/people framework to target interventions for PPR
- Identify and implement possible gender transformative approaches to improve PPR control
- Collaborate closely with other PPR research partners in planning and carrying out the research.
- Prepare and make presentations on research undertaken.
- Undertake national and international travel as necessary to accomplish research objectives.

**Requirements:**

- A PhD in rural sociology, geography, anthropology, economics
Experience in gender theory and research
Experience in livestock systems or agriculture
Experience in doing on-ground fieldwork in possibly difficult circumstances
Experience in participatory approaches

Post location: The position will be based in Nairobi, Kenya

Position level: This position job level is HG16

Duration: 2 years with the possibility of renewal, contingent upon individual performance and continued funding.

Benefits: ILRI offers a competitive salary and benefits package which includes medical insurance, life insurance and allowances for: education, housing, home leave, and annual holiday entitlement of 30 days + public holidays.

Applications: Applicants should send a cover letter and CV expressing their interest in the position, what they can bring to the role and the names and addresses (including telephone and email) of three referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate’s professional qualifications and work experience to the Director, People and Organizational Development through our recruitment portal http://ilri.simplicant.com/ on or before 20 June 2019. The position title and reference number: PDF/ AHH/ 2019 should be clearly marked on the subject line of the online application.

We thank all applicants for their interest in working for ILRI. Due to the volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

ILRI does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing or training). ILRI also does not concern itself with information on applicants’ bank accounts.

Qualified women applicants are encouraged to apply

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