
Contract opening:**Young entrepreneur coach**

The international non-profit association Access Agriculture AISBL seeks to engage a Young Entrepreneur coach to be based in **Hyderabad**, Telangana, India.

This position is part of a ground-breaking and dynamic team with a common goal to promote agroecological principles and rural entrepreneurship in order to improve rural livelihoods, consistent with Access Agriculture's vision, mission and values.

Background

Access Agriculture has a global team of coaches that develops a network of Entrepreneurs for Rural Access, who are either individuals or small teams that use a 'smart projector' to develop or expand their businesses. These smart projectors contain all of the Access Agriculture videos available to play off-line, off-grid and off mobile signal. It comes complete with a solar panel unit, battery and sound system suitable for up to 150 people – all in one backpack or hard case. The projector operates like an off-line version of the Access Agriculture video platform from which videos can be chosen by category or language. This content is regularly updated.

The global team of coaches helps these young Entrepreneurs for Rural Access to strengthen their business skills as well as facilitates the sharing of their experiences through a community of practice.

Access Agriculture seeks to recruit a dynamic woman to join its global team and enhance the delivery and impact of Access Agriculture videos through a growing network of young Entrepreneurs for Rural Access in India.

1. Duties

Summary: To strengthen the skills of Entrepreneurs for Rural Access across India.

- a. To help establish and work with a network of young entrepreneurs (known as Entrepreneurs for Rural Access), starting in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka States of India.
- b. To develop suitable training material so as to enhance the capacities and abilities of the young entrepreneurs.

- c. To deliver suitable training to young entrepreneurs both in person and via the internet.
- d. To create communities of practice initially in Telugu, Kannada and Hindi, among the entrepreneurs so as to share experiences and develop stories for use on websites and social media.
- e. To be part of Access Agriculture's Entrepreneur Coaching team and help provide inputs for social media accounts.

2. Location

Based in Hyderabad, Telangana. Regional travel around adjacent States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in India will be required.

3. Duration

The contract will be for an initial period of 2 years, subject to review after the initial first 3 months of appointment.

4. Qualifications and key skills

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in agriculture, business development or other relevant subject.
- Knowledge of agroecology, entrepreneurship and monitoring and evaluation.
- Solid experience in development and delivery of training materials on small business development.
- Familiarity with the networks and actors active in India promoting agroecology/natural and organic farming.
- A quick learner with good interpersonal, communication, networking, leadership skills and facilitation techniques.
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a diverse international collaborative team.
- Proficient in the use of computer applications and social media.
- Excellent oral and written skills in English, Telugu and good working knowledge of Kannada and Hindi would be desirable.
- Pro-active and willing to learn and help others.

5. Expression of interest

Women interested in this position are requested to submit their expression of interest, updated CV and explanation of suitability for the role to the Executive Director, Josephine Rodgers, at jo@accessagriculture.org by **October 25th 2021**.

Availability for interview by Skype or Zoom: between October 28th- 30th 2021

Please note: only those invited for interview will be contacted.