

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

East Africa

Ready to make a change for the livelihoods of smallholder farmers while preserving natural resources?



Job Reference: #2022-03	Position: Senior Project Manager	Region: East Africa
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The following opportunities are for **experienced, hands-on agricultural and forestry project management professionals with practical field experience**. Within a talented, committed, and agile team and with our private and civil society partners, the successful candidates will actively help us drive change towards regenerative agriculture.

This job post is for a **Senior Project Manager** who will source, co-create, and co-manage impactful agricultural and/or forestry projects with our civil-society field partners. Each Senior Project Manager will manage a portfolio of projects from the East African Region. We are looking for Professional(s) to cover East Africa (Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda etc.) to be located in a place in the Region with a good regional air-traffic hub.

WHO ARE WE?

At [Livelihoods Venture](#) we manage 2 types of impact funds that have in common to support rural communities in reconciling a sustainable use of natural resources and a tangible improvement of their livelihoods, in the long run. With each project, connected to tens of thousands of people over up to 20 years and implemented by outstanding, local organizations in the field, the **Senior Project Managers** will play a key role to deliver results in line with our ambitious mission.

See project examples below (click on the links) and a list of our projects' portfolio [here](#):

- [INDIA \(Araku\)](#): from degraded lands to functional forests with marginalized tribes
- [INDIA](#): agroforestry & silk tree plantation to bring marginalized communities out of poverty
- [INDIA \(Sundarbans\)](#): 16 million mangrove trees to protect local communities
- [RWANDA](#): agroforestry at scale for soil, water, and food

- **INDONESIA:** mangroves revitalizing coastal villages with fishery & new businesses
- **PHILIPPINES:** bringing more benefits to 6,000 coconut farmers

WHO ARE YOU?

Passionate, experienced and result-driven professionals with a strong background and first-hand field experience in agroecology and sustainable agricultural and/or forestry practices who will:

- **Lead co-design and implementation of agroecology/forestry projects** adapted to the local context, including in tropical agriculture, in Africa, Asia, LATAM, for the benefit of smallholder farmers.
- **Consolidate and upgrade the Company's technical skills**, from a hands-on as well as a scientific angle.
- **Actively contribute to the rural development and transition to agricultural activities** that combine social and environmental change.
- **Bring expertise on hands-on agroecology/forestry practices** (soil health, soil fertility, regenerative agriculture, agroforestry...) to our colleagues and partners and help adapt these to the local context of the projects.
- **Understand and manage points of view and jargons** from different actors (business, technical, academic, investors, public., etc..) to propose smart, practical action plans that create an alignment of all stakeholders.
- **Crack technical, technological, organizational issues** with a good dose of out-of-the-box thinking, inspired by a good knowledge and understanding of real cases of transformative projects.
- **Improve the impact of each project**, bringing in science, new perspectives, ideas or emerging technology.
- **Scout for new project opportunities**, in line with [our values](#), and be able to deliver real, measurable transformation in the agricultural or natural landscapes that poor communities rely upon for their livelihoods.
- **Coordinate project participants and activities in the long run**, by being part of projects governance, anticipating opportunities and risks, monitoring, and achieving results over the whole project lifetime.

KEY QUALITIES REQUIRED:

- **Result-oriented:** be able to adapt to changing situations and have an updated plan A, B and C to deliver objectives.
- **Hands-on experience:** on agricultural farming and agroecology and/or forestry. Use your experience in the field to implement projects at scale while adapting to their local context.
- **Empathetic:** Know your stakeholders, speak their languages, listen to their points of view and understand their agendas.
- **Change-embracing:** Be open to- and keep a curious eye on- innovation, new plans, new opinions in a fast-growing market.
- **Didactic:** Know how to make a point in a few words, adapt to your public, be able to facilitate informed decision-making.
- **Multi-tasker:** Prioritize, deal with pressure, keep track of the progress of several tasks simultaneously and be ready to rearrange priorities in response to new information.
- **Intercultural skills:** being able to understand and adapt local to different cultures among your colleagues and with project partners (international).
- **Remote-working-proof:** Particularly for positions based outside company's HQs, ability to self-start, work efficiently, create relationships, work in teams despite long distance and time-difference.

YOUR BACKGROUND:

- You have **graduated in agronomy and/or forestry** or have the equivalent hands-on field experience.
- You have **10 to 15 years proven track-record** of relevant experience in propagating agroecology and/or sustainable forestry in developing economies, close to smallholder farmers, rural communities, demonstrating tangible achievements.

- **Experience in carbon projects** is not required but is a plus.
- Having worked in a **variety of climatic and cultural contexts** is a serious plus.

LANGUAGE & INTERCULTURAL SKILLS:

- **Experience of international work** with humans from different cultures.
- **French and English** spoken and written with ease, as the working languages.
- For professionals based outside of company's HQs, **good command of local language(s)** and deep knowledge of local culture(s) are a must.

OTHER SPECIFICS:

- Location in a place in the region with a good regional air-traffic hub (flexible as long as it remains within reasonable reach of the main projects in the Senior Project Manager's portfolio, e.g. Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia).
- Home-office with regular in-person interactions at the company's HQs.
- All jobs require frequent travel for field visits and interaction with Livelihoods and partners' teams (30%+ of the time).
- Salary and benefits commensurate with the position and candidate experience.
- Livelihoods' values diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

DO YOU FIT THIS PROFILE?

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