

## Nursery Technician

Agventure Limited's core focus is on grain farming through sustainable conservation agriculture and crop rotation. To provide farmers with a broad crop portfolio of adapted high performing varieties, Agventure has developed a strong variety trialing and registration capability in the Agventure Seeds Team. Recently, this has been complemented through a strategic partnership with KWS SAAT Se & Co. KGaA, a world-renowned plant breeding company based in Germany.

Current operations range from extensive field trialing and product development to product registration and seed production. Next, we want to grow all commercial operations to provide a channel for our newly registered products and all activities necessary to support this commercialisation.

Based in the KWS Seed department in our Nakuru office and reporting to the Station Manager, the Grade 3 position of **Nursery Technician** is required to support in various nursery and breeding related operations. This will require the demonstration of creativity, critical thinking and the ability to take one's initiative. The chosen candidate will have the opportunity to shape the future of a seed company that revolves around the farmers it wants to serve.

## The Role

### Key responsibilities:

- Oversee all nursery activities and continuously improve the overall efficiency of the nursery seed production
  - This includes: planning, irrigation, pollination, post-harvest processing, quality assurance, and traceability-
- Maintain and constantly improve the irrigation system as well as nursery structures
- Develop a systematic netting solution to ensure crop is protected from birds.
- Report and communicate on all nursery activities. Specifically on cultural practices, irrigation maintenance, and site cleanliness.
- Lead and develop a team of casual nursery workers and oversee all nursery labor.

### Knowledge, skills and experience:

- At least a BSc (from a reputable university) in Agriculture, Biology, Horticulture or in a field related to agriculture.
- Proven experience of plant breeding activities.
- Proficiency in the full Microsoft Office suite, especially with Excel and Word.
- Team player.
- Ability to communicate professionally in English.
- Willingness to travel (ca. 30 %).

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**Timeline:** Closing date for applicants 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed during June.

**Location:** Agventure office on the Sigor Road, Menengai, Nakuru.

**Compensation:** Competitive and based on the candidate's experience.

**Please apply by emailing:** a 2-page CV and 1-page covering letter as a Word or \*pdf document to [justus@agvke.com](mailto:justus@agvke.com) Candidates not following this requirement will not be considered.

