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## LIVESTOCK EXTENSION OFFICER

**Northern Rangelands Trading (NRT Trading)** is a business accelerator for social and conservation impact enterprises operating in northern Kenya. We accelerate businesses at all levels of the social spectrum: from household businesses run by women and youth to conservancy-based businesses that leverage community assets, to businesses operated by NRT Trading to improve value chain dynamics and connect people to distant markets.

Our vision is to accelerate the development of sustainable and resilient commerce across northern Kenya, which will empower people, improve livelihoods, conserve nature, and contribute to peace and stability.

NRT Trading is a subsidiary of The **Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT)**, a non-profit umbrella organisation that supports 39 member Community Conservancies across northern and coastal Kenya with fundraising, technical support, governance advice and training, and security. More information can be found at [www.nrt-kenya.org](http://www.nrt-kenya.org).

### **Purpose of the position:**

To improve livestock productivity and marketing in northern Kenya, NRT Trading is establishing livestock technical extension delivery services targeting specific livestock actors (Herders/Morans) with the requisite livestock management training. The approach will mimic the Farmer Field Schools approach that will be practically oriented to impart requisite skills to pastoralists. NRT Trading is seeking to recruit a professional Livestock Extension Officer to support the extension service delivery in the target conservancies.

He/She will be part of the team responsible for providing livestock technical advisory services to the community members, taking leadership in the coordination of Herders field school's curriculum, liaison with government subject matter specialists on livestock value chains and conducting trainings for pastoralists. The person will also be coordinating cattle marketing awareness with the conservancy leadership among other responsibilities to be assigned.

Reporting to the Livestock Director, The Livestock Extension Officers will be based in the field and will be assigned to oversee 10 conservancies spread out across 4 counties.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Articulate and champion the program to communities and herders and create interest.

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- Implement the extension assignments in 10 conservancies spread out over 4 counties.
- Coordinate the farmer field schools, and NRT Trading livestock purchase activities.
- Demonstrate and teach supplemental feeding and reporting, and coordinate validation workshops for supplemental feeding trials in the conservancies.
- Train herders on digital technology and collate market surveys and information from the herder and livestock markets. Provide monthly information and reporting on livestock disease, pasture and marketing trends across the landscape.
- Liaise with county Veterinary and Livestock Production Officers on disease reporting.
- Attend conservancy board meetings and regional meetings to articulate NRT Trading activities.
- Assist in developing external and internal communication, including fact sheets and presentations, video, print and social media content.

## **Qualifications: Education/Knowledge/Technical Skills and Experience**

- A Degree in Animal Health & production, Livestock Production or Animal Science from a recognized University in Kenya with at least two year's field experience in Livestock value chains in cattle, sheep, goats, and camel production in the ASAL areas of Kenya, or Diploma in Animal production or Animal Health and Production from a recognized livestock training institution.
- Good understanding of the Livestock and Animal Health regulations in Kenya.
- Must be conversant with extensive livestock production systems in the ASAL areas of Kenya.
- Computer literate and with excellent writing skills.
- Fluent in spoken and written English and Kiswahili languages. Fluency in Languages of northern Kenya are desired.
- Member of the respective professional bodies.
- High Integrity and discipline. Must be innovative, proactive, and quick at decision making.
- Possess a valid riding Motorcycle license.

The successful candidate will be based in NRT Trading HQ within Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Isiolo, Meru and Nanyuki are the nearest majors towns.

If your profile matches the above job specifications, please send your application including a detailed CV highlighting relevant experience, a daytime telephone contact, email address, and the names of three professional referees to reach us by close of business on Friday, **11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021** to: [hr@nrt-kenya.org](mailto:hr@nrt-kenya.org) addressed to: Operations Manager, Northern Rangelands Trust, Private Bag, Isiolo-60300

***Qualified applicants drawn from the membership of conservancies where we operate will have a distinct advantage. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.***