

# Agricultural Extension Officer

Base location: Bahraich, U.P.

Full-time • Start date ASAP



For this role you should have worked at least 1 year in the domain of agriculture-based livelihoods and have strong communication and capacity building skills. You will have solid knowledge of field agriculture and horticulture specific to the eastern UP region. The role focuses on planning, designing and delivering training programs to support farmers select appropriate inputs, diversify their cropping systems, and improve agricultural yield and profits.

## Your Major Responsibilities

- Develop training and capacity building materials (video and print) suited to farmers' needs, with sensitivity to the needs of smallholders, women and marginal groups
- Conduct field level training and capacity development for farmers, provide technical assistance, lead workshops, formulate and implement agricultural innovations
- Introduce new crops, inputs and tools; support farmers with access to markets
- Prepare SMS to send farmers data on crops, weather and market prices
- Keep training records and prepare reports for program monitoring and evaluation



## Your Profile

- 1-3 years' experience in the planning, organisation and implementation of agricultural extension, rural development or agricultural innovation programmes
- BSc or MSc degree in Agricultural Sciences, Rural Development, or related field
- Excellent communication, organisational and documentation skills
- Good IT skills (Excel); experience working with ICT platforms for agriculture is a plus
- Expert knowledge of field and horticultural agriculture specific to the region, agronomy, value chains, extension and livelihood challenges and opportunities
- Native speaker of Hindi; knowledge of local dialects of UP and Bihar is desirable
- Passion to make a change; willingness to deliver quality results to achieve company aims
- Should have own laptop and motorcycle, valid driver's license



## About Oorja

Oorja is an award-winning social enterprise based in New Delhi, tackling some of the most pressing challenges in the energy sector today: renewable energy expansion and energy poverty.

Oorja's focus is on powering beneficial appliances that help users to generate stable incomes, create jobs, and mitigate carbon emissions. Despite urgent need, around 90% of marginal farmers cannot afford to invest in solar technology for their farms. Oorja wants to close this gap. We install, operate and maintain off-grid solar energy systems for community use and sell irrigation, milling and refrigeration as affordable services to marginal farmers. We focus on rural areas of northern India where farmers are currently reliant on polluting and expensive diesel motors for their energy needs.

Our core strengths are our inclusive, customer-centred model and a diverse and driven team with shared passion in sustainable development. We are determined to scale up access to solar power among the most marginalised communities. Some of our supporters and partners in this mission are:



## How To Apply

If this exciting opportunity appeals to you, please send your application by filling the online application form before 30 November 2020 - [www.oorjasolutions.org/apply-now](http://www.oorjasolutions.org/apply-now)



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