

Project Assistance 01.02.2024

For a three-year cooperation project between GESAMTMASCHE, the Ethiopian association ETGAMA and the Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia, funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, we are looking for a project assistant.

In October 2023, a cooperation project on the cotton and textile industry started between the associations GESAMTMASCHE, ETGAMA and the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture. For the project, GESAMTMASCHE, the Confederation of the German Knitwear Industry, is looking for an experienced project assistant who will primarily be responsible for organisational support and supervision of project activities. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported by sequa gGmbH as part of the Partner Africa. The project is expected to run for three years.

What is Partner Africa Ethiopia all about?

The focus is on the further development of the Ethiopian textile sector, starting with cotton production, by strengthening competitiveness and quality, in particular through measures for sustainable cotton and textile production and establishing business contacts with companies in Germany, Europe and internationally. This is intended to contribute to the long-term safeguarding and increase of jobs and incomes in Ethiopia and to increase the proportion of transparently and sustainably produced textile products. Thematically, the project follows on from a Partner Africa project with ETGAMA 2019-2023, which was also funded by BMZ. The partnership project aims at achieving the following objectives:

- Significantly increased number of farmers and cooperatives growing cotton ready for organic certification;
- Strengthening and testing the cooperation of local actors along the value chain for high-quality (organic) cotton;
- Increasing the interest of European/international buyers in sourcing Ethiopian (organic) cotton products, including yarn, fabric textiles and finished products.

What will be the main tasks of the project assistance?

In coordination with the project's long-term expert, the German project management and ETGAMA, the project assistant is primarily responsible for the following areas:

- Organizing events and workshops
- Arranging meetings with companies, institutions and project partners
- Follow up and coordinate appointments
- Organizing and, if necessary, accompanying trips to companies
- Correspondence in English and Amharic
- Requesting quotes and negotiating with suppliers
- Maintaining contact with member companies
- Keeping accounts and manage the budget in collaboration with the German office

Main job location is Addis Ababa. The project includes activities and contacts in various parts of Ethiopia, particularly in the Arba Minch region, which are to be organizationally supported by the project assistant. In some cases, it may be necessary to work on site. A willingness to travel is therefore a prerequisite.

Please send your application with CV and salary expectations by 29th February 2024 to: Simone Louis, louis@gesamtmasche.de.