**TITLE:** Advocacy and Learning Officer

**PARTNER(S):** Mtandaowa Vikundivya Wakulima Tanzania (MVIWATA)

**COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT:** Babati, Tanzania

**CONTRACT DURATION:** According to your program’s requirements

**DESCRIPTION:**

Uniterra is a leading Canadian international volunteer cooperation and development program, jointly implemented by the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities in 14 countries and with over 170 partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas through the exchange of expertise and knowledge of Canadian and international volunteers. Uniterra believes that economic growth, when inclusive, is the most powerful driver of poverty reduction. The purpose of the Uniterra program is to improve the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable populations by stimulating growth and facilitating access to the benefits of growing and diversified markets. To make this happen, we are working with our local partners to enhance the income of poor and marginalized women and youth through better access to employment and income generation opportunities. Uniterra country program staff work with our local partners to design Uniterra assignments in the context of the country strategy, supporting the inclusion of women and youth in key economic subsectors.

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Mtandaowa Vikundivya Wakulima Tanzania (MVIWATA) is a national membership organization of small scale farmers (crop growers, livestock keepers and fisherfolks) in Tanzania. MVIWATA Manyara works in five districts of Manyara region namely Babati, Kiteto, Simanjiro, Hanang and Mbulu with 50 local networks (at ward level), 443 farmer producer groups and 7,402 farmers.

MVIWATA Manyara is implementing a Building assets Program to support the economic empowerment of family farmers, especially women and youth, by linking them to potential sectors and value chains and by helping them to acquire and build assets. Assets are built at the individual level (building of financial and personal ie. self-confidence, leadership) assets, as well as at the organizational level (by making their organization stronger and more sustainable). The agricultural value-chain developments of onions and garlic have been identified for their regional east-African market potential.

With this in mind, Mviwata Manyara is currently seeking for an Advocacy and Lobbying Officer to support and build its capacity to better support small holder farmers to better market their produces.
RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support Mviwata Manyara to facilitate and organize lobbying and advocacy issues resolving conflict on land and in the farmers groups network;
- Work with Field Officer to analyze MVIWATA Manyara cross cutting issues like gender mainstreaming approaches and awareness creation on HIV/AIDS mitigation;
- Conduct awareness raising and ensure the participation of women and youth, in Agricultural and climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- Provide training to Mviwata staff and farmers leaders on gender issues including Gender analysis, gender and development and sharing knowledge and skills;
- Write reports required by the partner organization and the Uniterra program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Pursuing university or college degree (or recently completed) in Social Science or experience in any related fields;
- Experience in Communication, advocacy and lobbying strategies would be an asset;
- Skills and knowledge in HIV/AIDS and Gender issues;
- Experience in working within multi-cultural teams preferred;
- Ability to work in an environment with limited resources;
- Capacity for analysis, synthesis and writing;
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English; Swahili is an asset.