

JOB DESCRIPTION



Job Title/Role: Programme Specialist – Ecosystem Services

Management Level: Officer Level reporting directly to the Team Leader

Number of staff: None

Overall Responsibility

To provide technical/managerial expertise in the delivery of BASEflow's operational strategy around Ecosystem Services with an overall view of aligning Malawi to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for water and/or climate action by 2030.

Specific Roles and Responsibilities

1. Develop, budget and deliver annual program goals/plans that are aligned with both the operational strategy abovementioned and existing grants/contracts objectives – this also includes monitoring and reporting on field progress as and when required;
2. Engage with local partners, including local government, private sector, NGOs and local communities, to deliver Catchment Management and Integrated Water Resources Management programs in selected catchments;
3. Document BASEflow's field experiences/lessons/thoughts/ideas as part of BASEflow's communication strategy, e.g. blogs, and for dissemination at local and international sector events, e.g. abstracts;
4. Develop, in close collaboration with the Team Leader and Resource Manager, high-quality narrative reports that are aligned with contract requirements or compile with funder's specifications
5. Represent the organizational ethos, agenda and interests at public networking forums, locally and, where applicable, internationally;
6. Contribute and provide operational insight into the Business Risk Management Framework/System to help provide the Leadership Team with sufficient information to guide decision making;
7. Support the Team Leader in identifying and pursuing funding opportunities both locally and internationally; and
8. Any other relevant operations-related duties as and when they arise.

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Essential Qualities

- Minimum qualification of Bachelor's degree preferably in water resources management, natural resources management, irrigation/water/civil engineering, social enterprise development, social/international development
- Minimum of 5 years' field experience specifically working directly with rural communities to implement contextually-appropriate, ecosystem-dependent and environmentally-sustainable Small or Medium Enterprises in Malawi
- Those with proven experience working with local government and community structures will have an added advantage
- Must be ready to hit the ground running i.e. highly flexible, adaptable, willing to multitask and have initiative
- Excellent communication skills i.e. writing, speaking and presentation skills
- A skeptic or critical thinker who questions everything, is solution oriented and is obsessed with sustainability
- A sense of humor is mandatory