

Fundraising & Partnerships Coordinator – Social Impact

Starting Date: June 2024

Contract type: Permanent, open-ended

Salary: 41,400 GBP

Location: London, United Kingdom

Application closing date: 10th May 2024

About this role

Better Cotton is now seeking a Social Impact Fundraiser who will help to drive revenue in support of the ongoing success and growth of Better Cotton globally. Better Cotton has set ambitious 2030 targets to improve the lives and livelihoods of cotton farmers. This role will be responsible for ensuring these ambitions are adequately resourced. You will work closely with relevant thematic leads and country teams for proposal design, coordination and reporting of funded projects. In addition to this, you will maintain and manage donor relationships. This post will report to the Programme Funding Manager with a matrix line to a Social Impact Manager. This challenging role offers excellent opportunities for personal and professional development, together with a competitive benefits package.

Responsibilities

Development of Social Impact Programmes

Participate in the development of thematic programmes that fulfil farmers' needs while aligning with Better Cotton's 2030 strategic goals:

- In close collaboration with Global Impact team and country teams support a programmatic co-creation process, that is marketable and fundable.
- Manage a coalition building phase of social impact donors and allies. This includes outreach to relevant stakeholders identified, pitching to prospective donors, creating fundraising materials.
- The Coordinator will likely manage individual donor relations, while also coordinating Social Impact Coalition Committees.

Fundraising efforts

- Manage relationships with donors/investors to increase success rate of applications and ensure continuous funding.
- Conduct research into funding opportunities for sustainable agriculture and livelihoods.
- Organize outreach efforts with new donors/investors strategically, sharing relevant material and/or pitching to prospective donors identified.
- Share interesting grant opportunities internally and assess feasibility, identify the project idea/concept to be developed and liaise with relevant teams internally.

- Lead the proposal development process. Work closely with other teams (Finance Team, MEL Team, country teams etc.) to support specific proposal development coordination tasks, such as developing proposal workplans, building budgets or logframes, writing non-technical sections, consolidating and editing written inputs, compiling annexes, writing narratives, collating information and other tasks as needed.

Better Cotton representation

- Represent Better Cotton and the programmes, when needed to present to donors and coordinate social impact funding panels.
- Where required represent programmes nationally and internationally through participation in relevant workshops and symposia and in collaboration with partners where fundraising or the potential for fundraising is deemed significant.
- Contribute to the development of programmatic documents, multimedia and publications for use in promotion of the work of the programmes. Ensuring the documentation reflects and is relevant to donor priorities.
- Building internal and external relationships
- Collate key information through high level of engagement with internal stakeholders
- Foster relationships with prospects, donors and other external stakeholders, by applying high levels of professionalism, using diplomacy with influencing and persuasion.
- Build relationships with bilateral agencies, trusts and foundations from a variety of countries, cultures, languages and charitable interests.

Management

Line management of a Fundraising and Partnerships officer.

Profile

The selected candidate will have the following skills, knowledge, and experience:

Skills, Knowledge and Experience
Essential
A good understanding of the current donor landscape & fundraising environment, ideally in social impact.
Experience in project design, with a facilitative approach to bring to meet both farmer needs and donor expectations.
Effective fundraising management and planning skills
Excellent writing skills that have resulted in successful proposals
Ability to communicate clearly and simply
Good active contacts within the donor community
IT literacy, to include: Word; PowerPoint; Excel; Outlook; MS Teams
Numerical literacy with the ability to analyse budgets
Strong interpersonal skills, you enjoy networking
Well-developed personal strategies for time management
Ambition, positivity, determination and resilience
Desirable
Knowledge of the agricultural sector

Professional fundraising qualification or relevant qualifications in business management
Professional qualifications in marketing and sales.
Knowledge of Salesforce
Fluency in English required. Other languages relevant to Better Cotton’s work considered an asset: French, Portuguese, Turkish, Mandarin, Hindi, Urdu.

What we offer

- Competitive salary
- Hybrid working – One to two days/week in the offices in central London
- The opportunity to work from anywhere in the world for up to one month per year
- Flexible working, with core hours from 10 am to 4 pm local time
- Continuous learning and development
- Pension scheme
- 25 days paid annual leave, plus 8-9 Bank Holidays and a further 3 days off over Christmas
- Enhanced parental benefits
- A warm, positive working environment where everyone is valued
- The opportunity to make your mark and make a difference.

Working arrangements

The position is full-time (40 hours per week) and will be based in the London office. Better Cotton offers flexible working, with core hours being 10am – 4pm and the option to work from home one day per week. Travel will be required.

About Better Cotton

Better Cotton is the world’s largest cotton sustainability programme. Our 200+ colleagues of 37+ nationalities are united by a shared passion and commitment to achieving the Better Cotton mission: to help cotton communities survive and thrive, while protecting and restoring the environment. Through our network of field-level partners a quarter of the world’s cotton is now grown under the Better Cotton Standard. We have united the industry’s stakeholders behind our efforts, from ginners and spinners to brand owners, civil society organisations and governments. Everyone who cares about cotton and its sustainable future can now be part of something better.

About our Values

The post holder will be expected to operate in line with our workplace values which are:

- **Trustworthy** (including honest, transparent, credible)
- As having **Integrity** (including responsible, authentic)
- **Positive** (including problem-solving, pragmatic)
- **Engaging** (including adaptable, inclusive, holistic)
- **Daring** (including courageous, innovative, game-changing)

Being you @ Better Cotton

Better Cotton is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer with a strong commitment to good practice and transparency in the

management of natural, human, and financial resources.

We have a zero-tolerance approach to any attitudes or behaviours that put children or adults at risk of harm. Safeguarding incidents are acts of serious misconduct and are grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including, dismissal and referral to relevant authorities for criminal prosecution. Therefore, all offers of employment are subject to satisfactory references and appropriate screening checks.

Applications

Interested applicants with the required attributes are asked to send, in English, a detailed CV and a brief cover letter (2 pages maximum) to Better Cotton via [this form](#).

Application deadline: 10.05.2024

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates short-listed for a telephone interview will be contacted.