



Program Manager, East Africa

The University of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs is looking for outstanding candidates for a **Program Manager, East Africa** position supporting its AIM for Scale program. This is a remote (U.S based) limited term grant-funded position expected to run through September 30, 2029.

About the Organization

The **Keough School of Global Affairs** is a leading academic institution dedicated to addressing the world's most pressing global challenges through research, teaching, and policy engagement. Home to a diverse community of scholars and practitioners, the school integrates rigorous interdisciplinary scholarship with a strong commitment to human dignity, ethical leadership, and real-world impact.

The **Agricultural Innovation Mechanism for Scale** ([AIM for Scale](#)) is an initiative that works with governments, multilateral development banks, and research partners to scale evidence-based agricultural innovations, with the objective of reaching millions of farmers. It is supported by the Gates Foundation and the United Arab Emirates, and co-hosted by the University of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs and New York University Abu Dhabi. The secretariat of AIM for Scale is based at the Keough School of Global Affairs.

Position Overview

The Program Manager, East Africa, will manage AIM for Scale's efforts across East Africa within AIM for Scale's AI Weather & Advisory Services portfolio. Reporting to the AIM for Scale Secretariat Director, this role will coordinate technical assistance efforts, manage country-based teams and partnerships, and liaise closely with governments and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

Key Responsibilities

- Serve as AIM for Scale's primary point of contact for country programs in East Africa, including relationships with government ministries, meteorological agencies, agricultural institutions, MDB counterparts, and technical partners.
- Work closely with technical and government partners to co-develop and implement integrated country work plans for the generation and delivery of weather and agricultural advisory services to farmers.
- Support the institutionalization of successful approaches within government systems and connect technical assistance and pilot activities to larger government- or MDB-financed programs.



- Manage and support country-based teams and partners, including frequent travel across the region to support technical missions, government workshops, implementation reviews, and partner convenings.
- Coordinate across research, technical, implementation, and policy partners to ensure country activities remain aligned and implementation challenges are addressed quickly.
- Track milestones, budgets, risks, and deliverables against AIM for Scale's regional work plan and contribute to donor and internal reporting.
- Support the development of new partnerships and opportunities to expand AIM for Scale's portfolio across East Africa.

Qualifications

- Master's degree in international development, agricultural economics, public policy, economics, climate science, or a related field.
- 7+ years of experience managing multi-partner development programs, ideally in agriculture, climate services, digital development, or related fields.
- Experience working with government institutions and/or multilateral development banks.
- Demonstrated experience managing programs or partnerships in Sub-Saharan Africa; East Africa experience is strongly preferred.
- Strong project management skills, including budget tracking, work planning, and milestone-based reporting.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills; comfortable coordinating across technical, government, donor, and research audiences.
- Ability to travel internationally as required.

Additional Information

Resume and cover letter are required to be considered for this position. Please reach out with expression of interest to ehokoda@aimforscale.org indicating interested position together with your resume.