

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Vacancy Number: **MOA/VS/014/26**

Date of Issuance: August 3, 2026

Application Deadline: August 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (GMT)

Subject: Vacancy Announcement

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) invites qualified individuals to apply for the position below.

No.	Position	Number of vacancies
1.	Veterinary Specialist	5

Applications must meet all requirements in this Vacancy Announcement. Incomplete, unsigned, or late applications will not be considered. Applicants should keep copies of all submitted documents for their records.

The Ministry of Agriculture will assess applications based on the qualifications, experience, and competencies specified in this Vacancy Announcement. The Ministry promotes diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity and encourages qualified individuals, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities who meet the minimum qualifications and job requirements to apply.

The Ministry reserves the right not to make an appointment under this Vacancy Announcement or to cancel the recruitment process at any stage without liability. The Ministry will not reimburse any costs applicants incur in preparing or submitting their applications.

Any questions regarding this Vacancy Announcement should be submitted in writing to the Human Resources Department at: vacancy@moa.gov.lr

Sincerely,

Agatha Mangou

Director of Human Resources

POSITION DESCRIPTION

VETERINARY SPECIALIST

SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP	The incumbent reports to the Regional Agriculture Coordinator and works closely with County Agriculture Coordinators, District Agriculture Officers, and other Regional Specialists.
SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY	The incumbent has no direct supervisory responsibility but provides technical guidance, mentoring, and advisory support to Ministry staff and stakeholders in animal health, livestock production, veterinary services, and livestock development.
INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL FUNCTIONAL RELATIONS	• Ministry of Agriculture Technical and Extension Departments • Research institutions • MoA Project Implementation Units • Ministry of Health • Development partners • Private sector actors • Cooperatives and farmer organizations
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POSITION SUMMARY The Veterinary Specialist provides technical leadership, coordination, and oversight for regional veterinary services, animal health, and disease control programs. The position supports planning, implementing, supervising, and monitoring veterinary interventions. It strengthens animal health systems and promotes quality livestock service delivery. The role offers technical guidance on disease surveillance, diagnostics, veterinary standards, and One Health initiatives. It also supports policy development, capacity building, and collaboration with government institutions, research organizations, development partners, and private sector stakeholders to improve animal health and livestock productivity.	
KEY RESULT AREAS • Veterinary Service Delivery • Technical guidance on livestock health and veterinary public health matters • Prevention, detection, and control of priority animal diseases. • Implementation of national livestock development strategies. • Veterinary information systems and reporting • Capacity building of veterinary professionals and animal health workers	

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. GENERAL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide leadership, coordination, supervision, and technical oversight for regional veterinary services, animal health interventions.
- Support the Regional Agriculture Coordinator, County Teams, and veterinary personnel in planning, coordinating, and delivering effective veterinary and livestock extension services.
- Coordinate with relevant Ministry departments, research institutions, development partners, private sector actors, and One Health stakeholders to strengthen animal health systems and service delivery.
- Support the development and implementation of annual work plans, budgets, operational plans, and technical reports for veterinary and animal health programs.
- Maintain effective relationships with livestock producers, veterinary associations, local authorities, and private-sector actors; and,
- Ensure compliance with national veterinary policies, animal health standards, reporting requirements, and relevant technical guidelines.
- Prepare technical reports on veterinary activities

b. CORE TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop technical training materials and train veterinary officers, livestock officers, and animal health workers.
- Support preparation of veterinary sector plans and strategies.
- Provide guidance on veterinary diagnostic procedures, support laboratory-based disease investigations, and assist in interpretation of diagnostic findings.
- Strengthen early warning systems for transboundary and emerging animal diseases.
- Provide technical advice on animal health management and veterinary interventions.
- Conduct veterinary assessments and provide recommendations for disease management.
- Promote the One Health approach by collaborating with the Ministry of Health, Environmental Protection Agency, research institutions, development partners, and other stakeholders to strengthen zoonotic disease prevention, food safety, antimicrobial stewardship, and veterinary public health.
- Develop and review veterinary protocols, guidelines, and standard operating procedures.
- Provide technical inputs into livestock and animal health policies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION

- a. **Education:** Minimum of Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Public Health, Animal Health, Livestock Production, or a related field.
- b. **Prior Work Experience:** Minimum of five (5) years of professional experience in animal disease diagnosis, prevention, surveillance, and control; veterinary services, and livestock production.
- c. **Technical Knowledge:** Demonstrated knowledge of veterinary legislation, disease surveillance, biosecurity, animal welfare, and the One Health approach.
- d. **Skills and Competencies:**
 - Strong analytical, communication, report-writing, and stakeholder engagement skills.
 - Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel and PowerPoint).
 - Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.
 - Ability to ride a motorcycle and undertake extensive field travel.

CORE VALUES:

- Integrity
- Credibility
- Ethical Conduct
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Teamwork

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must submit a signed letter of application and a résumé or curriculum vitae (CV) not exceeding three (3) pages.
- Applicants must submit copies of academic diplomas, certificates, or any other supporting documents relevant to the position.
- Applicants must provide the names and contact information for three (3) professional references.
- Applications must be received on or before the closing date and time specified in Section I and submitted to vacancy@moa.gov.lr
- Applications must clearly reference the Vacancy Announcement Number.
- Incomplete, unsigned, or late applications will not be considered.

NOTE: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The Ministry of Agriculture is committed to promoting diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, especially women, youth, and persons with disabilities who meet the minimum eligibility requirements.