



## Helen Keller International Internship Announcement

### **SAPLING Intern** *(Dhaka, Bangladesh)*

Established in 1915 with Helen Keller as a founding trustee, Helen Keller International (HKI) is dedicated to saving the sight and lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. Headquartered in New York City, HKI currently conducts programs in 21 countries in Africa and Asia, as well as in the United States. Renowned for its reliability, efficiency and high level of technical expertise, HKI promotes the development of sustainable, large-scale programs that deliver effective preventative and curative services for nutrition, eye health and neglected tropical diseases.

Each year, HKI hosts student interns to engage in substantive projects in our country and regional offices.

#### **Background**

Helen Keller International (HKI) has been working in Bangladesh since 1978. HKI implements different projects in partnership with national and international NGOs. The focus of HKI's work is on nutrition, food security and eye health. Current program areas include Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill tracts. This position would be based within the USAID Food for Peace funded project Sustainable Agriculture and Production Linked to Improved Nutrition Status, Resilience and Gender Equity (SAPLING) in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Under SAPLING, Helen Keller International (HKI), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and Caritas/Bangladesh work in partnership with local implementing partners (IPs), individuals, communities and the Government of Bangladesh (GOB), to apply a multi-sectoral, integrated approach to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition in all unions of the sub-districts (upazilas) of Thanchi, Ruma, Lama, Rowangchari, and Bandarban Sadar, within the Bandarban District of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). These areas have a high proportion of people living in extreme poverty, combined with high rates of stunting, undernutrition, and food insecurity.

The project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for a five-year period, 30th September 2015 to 29th September 2020 and anticipates assisting approximately 47,000 households (HHs) across three project "Purposes" in all unions within the five upazilas. The three high-level purposes of the SAPLING project are as follows:

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- i. Increased income and access to nutritious foods attained equitably by both women and men;
- ii. Improved nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls; and
- iii. Sustained gender equitable ability of people, households, communities, and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from human-induced and natural shocks and stresses

## Scope of Work

The intern would work with the SAPLING team on refining and documenting the training program used in the SAPLING program. The Intern will have the opportunity to review key sections of the Mid-term review of the project and work with the project team to address the findings. The intern will also support the SAPLING M&E processes enabling the intern to learn about M&E in a large-scale USAID funded project.

## Qualifications

- This is an ideal position for a student who has completed coursework on Monitoring and Evaluation, public health, and agriculture.
- Professional experience and/or course work in statistical methods or documentation of projects is preferred.
- Highly computer literate. Proficient in using STATA, SPSS, or SAS.
- Excellent oral and written English language skills, including the ability to clearly document work and write reports.
- Ability to prioritize workload, assume responsibility for work, and follow through to completion.
- An ability to work in challenging and changing environments, and to see through challenges to find solutions.

## Terms & Conditions

- A 10-week full time commitment to the position is required but the dates of assignment are flexible.
- **Costs associated with Country Office Internships are the full responsibility of the participating student, including airfare, housing, daily living expenses, etc.**
  - HKI will only reimburse costs associated with actual project work, such as travel to field projects.
- HKI will assign a mentor to ensure the intern is provided with sufficient technical guidance.
- Administrative issues will also be supported by the in-country staff to welcome and support the intern with regards to logistics and to act as the local point of contact for all administrative information.

## To Apply

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to [hki.interns@hki.org](mailto:hki.interns@hki.org) noting the internship title and location in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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