



## **Helen Keller International JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Technical Advisor USAID Advancing Nutrition, Tanzania** *(Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)*

Helen Keller International (HKI), co-founded in 1915 by our namesake, is committed to saving and improving the sight and lives of the world's vulnerable by combating the causes and consequences of blindness, poor health, and malnutrition. We envision a world where no one suffers from malnutrition, disease, preventable vision loss, or blindness. HKI is well known and respected in the global health and development sectors for our expertise in translating science and research into innovative, effective programs. Our programs empower millions of people to achieve their potential through the delivery of preventative and curative solutions in eye health, nutrition, and neglected tropical diseases. Headquartered in New York City, Helen Keller International works in 19 countries across Africa and Asia, as well as in the United States.

#### **Background**

HKI is a partner in USAID Advancing Nutrition, USAID's flagship nutrition project, led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI), and a diverse group of experienced partners. Launched in September 2018, USAID Advancing Nutrition implements and provides technical support to nutrition interventions across sectors and disciplines for USAID and its partners. The project's multi-sectoral approach draws together global nutrition experience to design, implement and evaluate programs that address the root causes of malnutrition. Committed to using a systems approach, USAID Advancing Nutrition strives to sustain positive outcomes by building local capacity, supporting behavior change and strengthening the enabling environment to save lives, improve health, build resilience, increase economic productivity and advance development.

The purpose of USAID Advancing Nutrition's work in Tanzania is to support the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), and Tanzania Food and Nutrition Center (TFNC) to facilitate effective coordination and technical assistance to nutrition-sensitive sectors for successful implementation of the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) July 2016-June 2021. The project will also provide targeted technical assistance to USAID/Tanzania.

#### **Scope of Work**

The technical advisor will provide technical support to the PMO and TFNC to assist them to coordinate, provide technical assistance, and strengthen the capacity of nutrition-sensitive sectors for improved multi-sectoral nutrition planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring, and evaluation, to improve implementation and results of the NMNAP and the development of nutrition-sensitive components of the NMNAP II. The position will work under the direct line management of the USAID Advancing Nutrition Chief of Party in Tanzania and is expected to work closely and coordinate with other project staff.

## **Specific Responsibilities**

The Technical Advisor will be responsible for the following:

### Programmatic

- Develop, guide and oversee the project's technical activities related to providing support to MNMAP implementation, including support for capacity strengthening activities at the national level; technical input to program and policy development; and data monitoring, interpretation, and reporting.
- Lead or provide inputs to the development of work plan and other implementation strategies and tools of USAID Advancing Nutrition in Tanzania.
- Provide technical advice and assistance to PMO, TFNC and staff of USAID Advancing Nutrition Team as needed
- Support results reporting to monitor the project's performance, including writing and providing inputs to quarterly, annual and other ad hoc reporting to USAID and USAID Advancing Nutrition's home office.
- Provide other technical support and develop learning materials as requested, to ensure high quality implementation and achievement of project objectives.

### Partner relations

- Engage and ensure strong working relationships with the PMO, TFNC, President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities (PO-RALG), relevant line ministries, and relevant USAID-funded activities.
- Represent USAID Advancing Nutrition in national, regional, and international forums as requested.

### Other

- Develop and maintain a detailed understanding of multi-sectoral nutrition issues in Tanzania, especially related to nutrition-sensitive issues, including national policy development, program planning and budgeting processes, and key players in government, INGOs, UN and national/regional and local civil society organizations.
- Ensure the USAID Advancing Nutrition Gender Equality Strategy is understood and incorporated into project activities as appropriate.

## **Required Competencies**

- Strong interpersonal skills and experience working effectively in teams and cross-cultural settings.
- Excellent time management and personal organization skills.
- Comfortable working in a matrixed, integrated work environment.
- Confident giving and receiving feedback in a direct, professional manner.
- Ability to direct multiple long and short-term activities simultaneously with minimal supervision.
- Broad capacity building and training experience.
- Demonstrated understanding of the socio-cultural issues and nuances of working in communities and with vulnerable populations.
- Strong capacity to foster new and effective partnerships, including effective participation in technical working groups.
- Demonstrated ability to deliver technical assistance in developing countries.
- Ability to develop and apply monitoring and evaluation plans to determine activity results and monitor impact.
- Knowledge of USAID and other donor policies, strategies, and program priorities.

## Qualifications

- Master's degree in nutrition, public health, food security, social sciences, international development, or a related field.
- At least 5 years of professional experience working on multi-faceted projects including activities related to the development of government policies, strategies, and/or plans, capacity strengthening, and technical assistance
- Strong knowledge of multi-sectoral nutrition, especially nutrition-sensitive approaches, food security, food systems, quality improvement, quality assurance, behavior change communication, community development, and multi-sectoral collaboration.
- Experience with nutrition-sensitive programming, including familiarity with agriculture; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); social protection, maternal and child health (MCH), and/or gender programming and linkages with nutrition outcomes.
- Strong experience coordinating activities with multiple stakeholders to optimize use of limited resources, including development of joint work plans.
- Strong analytical and research capacity. Experience in strengthening developing country local implementing organizations in M&E a plus.
- Experience interpreting high-level policies, plans, and legislative frameworks.
- Experience working effectively in partnership with collaborating organizations including government officials, international donors and agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Ability to respond rapidly to shifting implementation scenarios.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft software packages: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook.
- Excellent English language skills, both written and spoken with strong presentation skills. Kiswahili a strong plus.
- This position is based in Dar es Salaam, with frequent travel to Dodoma (up to 30%).

## To Apply

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

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