



## **Helen Keller Intl JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Technical Advisor, Humanitarian & Nutrition Programs USAID Advancing Nutrition (Arlington, VA)**

Helen Keller Intl is a global health organization dedicated to eliminating preventable vision loss, malnutrition and diseases of poverty. Cofounded by Helen Keller – and guided by her fierce optimism and belief in human potential – the organization delivers life-changing health solutions to vulnerable families where the need is great but access to care is limited. In the U.S., Africa, and Asia, Helen Keller’s proven, science-based programs empower people to create opportunities in their own lives and build lasting change.

#### **Background**

Helen Keller 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.

#### **Summary**

The Technical Advisor supports the Nutrition in Humanitarian Contexts team and engages in nutrition activities crossing the development and emergency spectrum, including complex humanitarian contexts. S/he assists USAID and its partners to solve specific challenges to improving nutrition in humanitarian contexts and provides technical leadership and oversight to ensure that the project produces quality deliverables. In these efforts, s/he documents learning and helps to build evidence related to immediate, underlying and basic causes of malnutrition.

The Technical Advisor’s work focus on food assistance programming, including in-kind, cash and voucher modalities and activities that support treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition. Areas of cross-cutting interaction include social and behavior change; capacity strengthening around maternal, infant and young child nutrition; hygiene; nutrition-sensitive programming; and other practices and approaches aimed at reducing malnutrition in both acute and protracted humanitarian contexts. S/he leads or supports activities that may examine humanitarian assistance design, implementation, operations research, and related analysis, guidance, tools and policy advice to USAID, implementing partners and other local actors.

The Technical Advisor will report to the Director, Food Security & Nutrition, Humanitarian Contexts and is based in Arlington, VA.

The Technical Advisor, Humanitarian & Nutrition Programs is advertised through multiple USAID Advancing Nutrition consortium partners and is fully seconded to the project. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through the **single (1)** organization they are most interested in working for. **Submitting applications through more than one (1) consortium partner is prohibited and could result in disqualification.**

## **Specific Responsibilities**

Congruent with annual work plans, the Technical Advisor may:

- Identify innovative program strategies, develop program guidance, and provide technical assistance in support of nutrition outcomes through implementing partners or USAID AN direct implementation activities.
- Collaborate directly with USAID/FFP staff in defining and designing activities that address BHA/FFP priorities in a strategic manner.
- Leading learning, research and TA linked to improving nutrition outcomes from food assistance.
- Actively contribute to the project's technical direction by developing and documenting promising strategies and approaches in focus activity areas.
- Lead or support the development of quality, evidence-based technical tools and guides used to increase capacity of and support to USAID's multi-sectoral nutrition priorities.
- Collaborate with the project's monitoring and evaluation staff to carry out operations research related to program delivery and contribute to other research efforts as needed.
- Provide up-to-date, evidence based technical and policy briefs, and develop or manage the creation of evidence-based program standards with key stakeholders.
- Participate in program design and development of implementation activities (strategic planning, program presentation, advocacy and policy meetings), as appropriate.
- Contribute to the development of team (both global and country) work plans and budgets, ensuring consistency with project direction and strategy.
- As activity lead, may supervise and mentor Technical Specialists and/or Program Officers to facilitate professional growth and development.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **Required Competencies**

- Capacity in designing, implementing, and overseeing technical quality of nutrition and food assistance programming in humanitarian contexts (emergency and fragile contexts, low resource environments).
- Knowledge of programming approaches that span relief, recovery, resilience/mitigation and development objectives, and ability to work across different contexts.
- Knowledge of USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (Office of Food for Peace and Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance) program approaches and priorities, and other donor policies, strategies, and program priorities required.
- Strong writing and communications skills required.
- Strong critical analysis and conceptual thinking abilities, with the ability to both pay attention to detail and convey big picture and strategic ideas.
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience working effectively in cross-cultural teams/settings.
- Excellent time management and personal organization skills.
- Comfortable working in a matrixed, integrated work environment.
- Confident giving and receiving feedback in a direct, empathetic manner.
- Ability to direct multiple long and short-term activities simultaneously with minimal supervision.
- Capacity building and training experience is preferred.
- Research skills/experience, data collection, analysis and report and article writing is preferred.

## Qualifications

- **Education:** Master's degree in nutrition, food security, public health, policy or related field.
- **Experience:** 10 -15 years of experience in international development and/or humanitarian aid programming. This must include at least 5 years of field experience designing, implementing, and providing oversight to food assistance, food security, or acute malnutrition treatment and/or prevention programming. Additionally, preference will be given to candidates with three or more years' experience providing oversight and/or technical assistance to food, livelihoods and/or nutrition programming.
- Ability to undertake field travel (approximately 30%)
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English; fluency in French strongly preferred.

## To Apply

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to [HkI.Recruitment@hki.org](mailto:HkI.Recruitment@hki.org) noting the job title in the subject line. Applications will be accepted through midnight on Friday, April 10, 2020.

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