

Helen Keller International INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT: SCOPE OF WORK

Suaahara II Program Intern: Public Private Partnerships (Remote or Kathmandu, Nepal)

Helen Keller International 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 US, Africa, and Asia, Helen Keller’s proven, science-based programs empower people to create opportunities in their own lives and build lasting change.

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

Background

USAID-funded Suaahara II (SII) is an integrated program dedicated to improving the health and nutrition of children and mothers of children who fall within the 1000 days period, i.e. from conception until a child reaches 24 months of age. This period is recognized as a crucial timeframe during which nutritional interventions can have optimal impact on child growth and development. SII was designed in consultation with the Government of Nepal GON and other stakeholders and will contribute towards achieving the goals set by Nepal’s Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP). In 42 of Nepal’s 77 districts, Suaahara II will support the GON with a district-wide approach to expanding health and nutrition services, but SII also works at the household and community level in a multi-sectoral way particularly on health and nutrition behaviors, family planning, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) including menstrual hygiene, food security and dietary diversity, agriculture/homestead food production (HFP), governance, and gender equity and social issues. In addition to working with mother/child dyads in the 1000-day period, SII has a household approach to reach all household members including fathers and grandmothers of young children; SII has also started various programmatic activities targeted to adolescents (10-19 years), as this is another window of opportunity increasingly recognized as important for nutrition and growth.

Scope of Work

This internship will involve a rapid qualitative assessment of Suaahara II’s local private sector engagement, primarily in nutrition-sensitive agriculture and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The main objective would be to compile a few case studies that document lessons learned including both what is working and what is not.

Additionally, the internship may involve other roles to support the SII program teams, specifically those working on private sector engagement, WASH and agriculture.

The anticipated plan, subject to change due to Suaahara needs evolving includes:

- **April-May:** become familiar with SII private sector engagement and design a rapid qualitative assessment
- **June-Aug:** conduct the assessment in Nepal, if possible, analyse the data collected, and prepare a short report/brief and PPT presentation of key findings and recommendations

Qualifications

- This position would be ideal for an MPH student seeking hands-on experience in program implementation
- Experienced with working in low-income settings on development projects related to health, nutrition, WASH or agriculture
- Highly computer literate, particularly with Microsoft word, excel, and PPT
- 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, with collaborators who do not have English as a first language, and to see through challenges to find solutions.

Terms & Conditions

- Part/full-time from April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021
- This internship will be conducted remotely or based in Kathmandu, working out of HKI's Suaahara office for up to 3 months of the internship.
- **Costs associated with Country Office Internships are the full responsibility of the participating intern, including airfare, housing, daily living expenses, etc.**
 - HKI will only reimburse costs associated with actual project work, such as travel to field projects.
- HKI SII's Deputy Chief of Party, Programs will be assigned as the academic mentor to ensure the intern is provided with sufficient academic guidance.
- In addition, SII's manage of public private engagement will be assigned to welcome and support the intern with regards to logistics, to act as the local point of contact for all administrative information, and to serve as HQ's primary point of contact for the management of any emergencies that may arise.

To Apply

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to hki.interns@hki.org
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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is dedicated to building an inclusive workforce where diversity is fully valued.**

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