



Save the Children®

Technical Advisor – Humanitarian & Nutrition Programs

Based: Washington, DC

Summary

Save the Children 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 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 in this position. Submitting applications through more than one (1) consortium partner is prohibited and could result in disqualification.

*Save the Children's title for this position internally is "Advisor, Emergency Nutrition".

What You'll Be Doing (Essential Duties)

The Advisor supports the Nutrition in Humanitarian Contexts team and engages in nutrition activities crossing the development and emergency spectrum, including complex humanitarian contexts. The Advisor 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, the Advisor documents learning and helps to build evidence related to immediate, underlying and basic causes of malnutrition.

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

Congruent with annual work plans, the Technical Advisor may be responsible for the following:

Strategic Direction and Planning (50% Level of Effort)

- Identify innovative program strategies, develop program guidance, and provide technical assistance in support of nutrition outcomes through country buy-in work led by 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.
- **Actively contribute to the project's technical direction** by developing and documenting promising strategies and approaches in focus activity areas.
- 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.

Learning, sharing and documentation (40% Level of Effort)

- Leading learning, research and technical assistance linked to improving nutrition outcomes from food assistance.
- 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.**
- Provide up-to-date, evidence based technical and policy briefs, and develop or manage the creation of evidence-based program standards with key stakeholders.

Collaboration, Coordination and Management (10% Level of Effort)

- **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.
- As activity lead, may supervise and mentor Technical Specialists and/or Program Officers to facilitate professional growth and development.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications

- **Master's degree in nutrition, food security, public health, policy or related field.**
- 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.**

- 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 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.
- Ability to undertake field travel (approximately 30%).
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.

Preferred Qualifications

- Capacity building and training experience.
- Research skills/experience, data collection, analysis and report and article writing.
- Fluency in French.

Why you should join the Save the Children Team

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About Save the Children

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the United States and around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

Save the Children is committed to conducting its programs and operations in a manner that is safe for the children it serves and helping protect the children with whom Save the Children is in contact. All Save

*the Children representatives are explicitly prohibited from engaging in any activity that may result in **any kind of child abuse**. In addition, it is **Save the Children's policy to create and proactively maintain an environment that aims to prevent and deter any actions and omissions, whether deliberate or inadvertent, that place children at the risk of any kind of child abuse**. All our representatives are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with this commitment and obligation. Any violations of this policy will be treated as a serious issue.*

We provide equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, ancestry, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, disability, marital status, or status as a veteran. Save the Children complies with all applicable laws.

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