

Health & Nutrition Advisor



Position: Health & Nutrition Advisor

Program: McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program

Location: Lilongwe/Blantyre, Malawi

Reports to: Field Coordinator

NB: Position is contingent on award

Position Summary

Nascent Solutions (Nascent) is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of **Health & Nutrition Advisor** for an anticipated award under the 2019 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (McGovern-Dole) in central and southern Malawi. Working directly under the supervision of the Field Coordinator, the Health & Nutrition Advisor will be responsible for Nascent's activities related to maternal and child nutrition (MCN); preventive health; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and promote positive behavior change in the areas of good health, nutrition, and dietary practices.

The five-year program is designed to improve the literacy of school-age children through improved literacy instruction, student attentiveness, and student attendance, to increase the use of positive health and dietary practices and support maternal and child nutrition.

Nascent is an African women-led international development organization founded 2004 with the mission of harnessing the creative entrepreneurial skills of target beneficiaries and strengthening their capacity to champion the development agenda of their communities. In last 14 years Nascent has mobilized resources and implemented programs in food security, nutrition, education, and maternal and child health, impacting the lives of over 5 million people in Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Zambia.

**Note: This position is contingent upon receipt of donor funding*

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide technical input on nutrition/health and hygiene training content and oversee training roll-out. Train community health workers and target beneficiaries on the use of good nutrition and health practices;
- Assess learning needs on the use of good health and dietary practices for target beneficiaries (including pupils, teachers, PTA associations, and Village Health Committees);
- Work closely with Nascent field and partner staff to develop user-tailored curricula and training materials;
- Identify and train community health workers to support project activities;
- Provide support in nutrition activities, including screening and growth monitoring;
- Collaborate with program staff to ensure optimal use of health and hygiene practices;

- Support the design of sensitization campaigns that promote the use of good hygiene practices;
- Create awareness on the importance of good nutrition practices on children and family health;
- Promote collaboration with national, regional, and local health professional in target communities and other local partners, and advocate for policies that promote good nutrition practices;
- Follow up on nutrition programs and prepare reports for donors and stakeholders;
- Work with health authorities to ensure regular immunization of pupils in project beneficiary schools.

Required Skills and Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in nutrition, public health, or a related technical area. Master's degree preferred;
- A minimum four (4) years of experience in managing nutrition and health interventions within an INGO environment;
- Demonstrated experience in the design, development, and implementation of capacity building and training activities;
- In-depth knowledge of nutrition and MNCH issues in the regional context;
- Ability and willingness to travel at least 30% of the time;
- Strong ability to think and plan strategically;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including oral and written fluency in English;
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and in multidisciplinary teams to meet strict deadlines;
- Excellent knowledge of computer word-processing and spreadsheet programs.

About Nascent Solutions

Nascent is a US-based 501(c)(3) non-profit international development organization. Its mission is to enable vulnerable people, especially women and children in rural Africa, to develop skills for self-sufficiency. The organization's areas include education and skills development, agriculture, food security and nutrition, health, and gender equity.

Nascent offers employees a competitive compensation package, including health insurance, paid vacation, 401(k), and a professional development stipend.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and CV to recruitment@nascents.org with "**Health & Nutrition Advisor Malawi**" in the email subject line. Closing date for applications is **May 15th, 2019**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Nascent Solutions is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, national origin, marital status, religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, personal appearance, family responsibilities, or political affiliation.