

Maternal and Child Health & Nutrition Specialist

Type – Full time (Remote until further notice)

Location- Alexandria, VA

Reporting – Director of Programs

Position Overview

Nascent Solutions is seeking a qualified professional with expertise in Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition to support development and implementation of its humanitarian and development programs in sub-Saharan Africa. The incumbent will provide input to promote an overall healthy lifestyle for beneficiaries, their communities and strategic direction and overall leadership in the management, implementation, prioritization, sequencing, and selection of opportunities to maintain and expand the company portfolio of programs and services to improve the health outcomes of women and children, including sexual/reproductive health, nutrition and integrated programming. He/she will be a vital member of the company's senior scientific and technical leadership. This person will shape and guide the department's mission, vision and goals; contribute to new business development by anticipating and planning for new opportunities, overseeing partner selection, and maintaining healthy relationships with donors and drive thought leadership efforts to ensure that the company is recognized for important contributions within this practice area.

Company Details

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 the last 16 years Nascent has mobilized resources and implemented programs in food security, nutrition, education, and maternal and child health, impacting the lives of over 10 million people in several African countries. For more details, check www.nascents.org

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead research in health problems faced by children, pregnant and lactating women in developing countries.
- Develop evidence-based interventions that improve the health of the child and mother
- Promote, identify, and implement social, behavioral, and healthy habits for target beneficiaries
- Develop tools to engage the family in culturally sensitive healthy living practices
- Develop techniques of healthy family planning and other sexual reproductive health services
- Develop and implement changes in health services for the community
- Create interventions that promote the prevention, rather than treatment of diseases and illnesses among vulnerable groups
- Develop and maintain internal and external collaboration, communication, and partnerships to improve systems of care and health outcomes
- Perform outcome-based planning and assessment of the effectiveness of nutrition interventions

- Serve as a communication conduit for portfolio-related status, actions, decisions, risks and issues, and schedules for strategic initiatives
- Partner with colleagues and regional and country office leadership, as necessary, to identify and mitigate issues and ensure excellence in award implementation, compliance with organizational and donor policies and procedures, and relevant strategies are implemented with fidelity.
- Ensure collaboration across departments, country offices to design and deliver programs and services that meet or exceed best and high-impact practice standards.
- Serve as subject matter expertise during new business development activities, including proposal writing.

Required Skills, Qualifications and Attributes

- A Master's degree in Public Health, Nursing and/or in any relevant field
- A minimum of 5 to 7 years' experience in the design and implementation of international development programs, with specific demonstrated expertise in maternal and child health within integrated program activities
- Demonstrable knowledge of maternal and child issues on either a local, regional, or international level and expertise and track record of experience within the reproductive health, nutrition, and healthcare sectors
- Knowledge of US government award mechanisms, and procurement rules and regulations, as well as solid technical writing and proposal development experience
- Knowledge of and networks within the international development community
- Strong interpersonal skills, an active listener and critical thinker
- Excellent communication skills, written, and oral proficiency in English across multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural teams
- Exceptional time management skills with the ability to deliver under tight deadlines
- Highly self-motivated and autonomous with an ability to work with little guidance
- Readiness and ability to undertake a broad range of tasks as necessary in a small, growing organization
- Ability and willingness to travel internationally once travel restrictions are lifted
- Demonstrate qualities of a team player and capacity to interact with other staff and stakeholders

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV, to recruitment@nascents.org. Please include **“Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Specialist”** in the email subject line. CVs without cover letters will not be considered. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Closing date for applications is **December 11, 2020**. *Salary commensurate with experience*. Current work authorization in the United States is required.

About Nascent Solutions

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