

American India Foundation (AIF) – Public Health Nutritionist

Position: Public Health Nutritionist
Program: Public Health
Location: Gurugram/Delhi
Reporting: Director – Public Health

Background:

The American India Foundation is committed to catalyzing social and economic change in India, and building a lasting bridge between the United States and India through high-impact interventions in education, livelihoods, public health, and leadership development. Working closely with local communities, AIF partners with NGOs to develop and test innovative solutions and with governments to create and scale sustainable impact. AIF's programming seeks to achieve gender equity through developing inclusive models that focus on and empower girls and women. Founded in 2001 at the initiative of President Bill Clinton following a suggestion from Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee, AIF has impacted the lives of 8.4 million of India's poor. With offices in New York and California, twelve chapters across the U.S., and India operations headquartered in Delhi NCR, AIF is transforming lives across 26 states of India while addressing these issues on a regional, country, and international scale. Learn more at www.AIF.org

Background of the Program :

Maternal and Newborn Survival Initiative (MANSI) is a public-private partnership seeking to reduce maternal and child mortality by providing care, resources, and support to empower local communities to care for their mothers and children – and improve local health systems. By promoting social cohesion through mobilizing communities for collective action and increasing healthy deliveries in institutional settings by leveraging a government maternity incentive scheme, AIF is instituting a system for sustainability at all levels for the community and local Health Ministry to uphold over the long term.

Nutrition is foundational to health and well-being at various life stages including, adolescence, pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, nursing and early childhood (herein referred to as key target groups). Nutritional interventions are well entrenched in public health and social welfare programs that aims to address both macro and micronutrient insufficiency. However, nutritional deficiencies are widespread across various life-stages as reflected in various national and regional surveys.

AIF intends to expand its nutrition related interventions towards ensuring survival of mothers and newborns and children under five years.

Job Summary : (A brief about the role)

The position is responsible for providing technical support to nutritional interventions that are inherent to the MANSI program. This includes technical oversight of programs, conceptualizing nutritional intake and dietary requirements of program beneficiaries, development of training curriculum, continued capacity building of staff/consultants and support in new business development.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Technical leadership

- Responsible for designing evidence-based nutrition interventions that complement existing public health and social welfare programs.
- Ideate innovative solutions to address gaps in existing welfare programs, and/or to improve nutritional outcomes of key target groups.

- Plan dietary requirements of target groups keeping in cognizance cultural practices, social norms, unique food habits and availability of food groups.
- Lead curriculum development for training of AIF program implementation team and public frontline workers, as required.
- Support in development of training tools, review content for social & behavioral change communication and undertake training of functionaries as outlined above.
- Lead the technical oversight of nutrition-related programs at AIF.

2. Program Implementation Support:

- Work closely with AIF team members and partner organizations and ensure that program objectives and targets are met.
- Participate in program review meetings (internal and external), and contribute to strengthen program implementation.
- Provide technical assistance to government functionaries, as required, towards strengthening public systems.
- Contribute to program reports, AIF donors and internal audiences, on the progress being made by the NGOs and the outputs, outcomes and impacts.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation (in co-ordination with LEI team at AIF):

- Facilitate the development, implementation and strengthening of MIS.
- Undertakes field visits to monitor programs as well as conducting periodic program reviews with government counterparts and other partners. Provide feedback to senior management on a regular basis.
- Coordinate with government, implementing partners and consultants in conducting routine monitoring, baseline, midline, end line surveys, and facility based assessments of AIF projects.
- Support in designing needs assessment studies, evaluation studies, and dissemination of the study findings.

4. Building Partnerships and Resource mobilization:

- Help in identifying credible partner NGOs who can partner with the foundation to develop and implement the program that will positively impact health outcomes.
- Provide technical assistance and leadership support to implementation partners.
- Network with alliances and other likeminded organizations for cross-learning opportunities.
- Support in proposal development and donor engagement, in co-ordination with the Strategic Partnership team at AIF

Key Skills and Competencies:

- Graduation/Post graduation in Nutritional Sciences. In depth understanding and knowledge of the maternal, new born and child health and nutrition sectors.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in public health & nutrition programs.
- Deep knowledge of State government structures and previous experience of working with these structures.

- Ability to network and negotiate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the program.
- Fluency in written and spoken Hindi and English.
- A self-starter who can perform with minimal supervision.
- Managerial, analytical, negotiating, communication and advocacy skills.
- Willingness to travel up to 30% of time.

Other: Salary commensurate with experience.

Position Availability: Immediately.

Application Process: To apply for this position, send your CV and covering letter describing how you meet the specifications for this role and what you bring to it along with your current salary and expected salary to ph.career@aif.org with subject line **“Public Health Nutritionist”**

Deadline for applications: 26th May 2022

Only applications of short-listed candidates will be acknowledged.