

## Technical Adviser – Nutrition Sensitive programming

Health Partners International (HPI) is a dynamic, growing global consultancy that brings practical experience and international expertise to health systems development and associated health sector transformation, particularly in low-income countries. HPI is committed to developing accessible and affordable health care. HPI is currently recruiting for the following post:

### Job Ref: TA-N

The UK Department for International Development (DFID)-funded **Maximizing the Quality of Scaling up Nutrition** (SUN programme) is designed to supply technical services to improve the quality of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programmes under a framework agreement. The geographic scope of the framework agreement is global and will include the 27 priority countries in Asia and Africa in which DFID has a bilateral programme.

The programme will contribute to all four of the following objectives but will be particularly focused on the first two:

- **Reaching more adolescent girls, pregnant women and children under five years of age with nutrition specific interventions**
- **Delivering greater impact from nutrition-sensitive programmes**
- **Building a more effective international response to under nutrition**
- **Identifying new solutions to under nutrition on the basis of what works**

This position will be based in the United Kingdom. The post is expected to spend 50% time supporting core activities and 50% providing consulting services to the project

HPI is seeking to hire a Technical Adviser to focus on nutrition sensitive development interventions. This will involve advising on programme design and re-design across a range of sectors including agriculture, environmental health and cash transfer programmes to ensure they deliver nutrition results. The Adviser will be able to support the inclusion of the latest guidance and global evidence in nutrition sensitive research and programming into project activities, as well as ensuring the overall technical soundness of project activities.

### The Technical Adviser will:

- Ensure overall technical soundness of project activities.
- Write and review scopes of work for technical assignments in country to ensure they are technically sound.
- Ensure that technical consultants have the necessary support to function effectively, including briefing prior to assignment, background materials.
- Backstop consultants undertaking country level short and medium term assignments
- Ensure a high standard of technical quality of consultant products.
- Provide short term technical assistance at a country level
- Support effective project implementation and achievement of results, the synthesis of knowledge and lessons learned from project activities, and the strategic dissemination of knowledge.
- Ensure technical priorities of the project are undertaken in a manner consistent with the work plan and budget.
- Implement appropriate evaluation strategies for project activities.
- Acting as a technical resource for DFID staff on a full range on nutrition sensitive issues.

### Requirements

- Masters or Doctoral level degree plus a minimum of 5 years of experience in implementing international projects, providing technical assistance,
- At least 3 years professional experience working in nutrition related programmes in low or middle income countries.

- Prior experience in global programmes supporting multiple activities (e.g., behaviour change, health systems strengthening, food security, service provider training, health policy, etc.) in several countries is desirable
- Knowledge of nutrition sensitive programming and the relevant socioeconomic, institutional, and policy issues related to nutrition.
- Excellent interpersonal and public communication skills with a strong track record of presentation skills, report writing, knowledge management and communicating for and with people.
- Demonstrated experience in supervision and mentoring.
- Experience in implementing monitoring and evaluation strategies.
- Demonstrated experience in developing and evaluating budgets.
- Ability to travel internationally up at least 30 percent
- Prior experience with DFID projects desirable.

**Closing Date:** 5pm (UK time) 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Applications:** CV (max 3 pages) and Cover Letter to [recruitment@healthpartners-int.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@healthpartners-int.co.uk)