



OPEN POSITION: Senior Advisor, Global Health Security Agenda
REPORTS TO: Executive Director
LOCATION: Washington, DC / Remote
HIRING NEED: Immediate

BACKGROUND

CORE, Inc. (CORE Group) is a leader in global community health, working to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths around the world. We have a comparative advantage through collaborative action to promote and safeguard health in communities and create new models for reaching the most marginalized populations. As a neutral, trusted platform for a coalition of more than 100 members, we work together with the broader global health community to foster collaboration and learning, strengthen technical capacity, develop innovative tools and resources, and scale evidence-based approaches to improving health.

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JOB DESCRIPTION

The primary function of the Senior Advisor, Global Health Security Agenda (GHS) is to support the CORE Group Polio Project's Global Health Security agenda activities in Kenya, Ethiopia and globally. The GHS supports a multi-lateral, multi-sectoral approach to strengthening local and global health security by strengthening capacity to prevent, detect and respond to infectious disease threats whether occurring naturally or accidentally or being deliberately spread. Achieving global health security requires an inclusive and collaborative effort that builds on the interdependencies among communities, civil society, the private sector and governments. The engagement of communities and civil society in epidemic and pandemic preparedness is particularly important, to ensure early response and mitigate impact. Local NGOs have played an important role during previous epidemics.

The CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) has been working for 20 years with communities in over 8 countries, with strong partnerships and a multi-sectoral approach. The country response to polio eradication and community engagement provides a strong platform to bridge global health security efforts, by utilizing the trained polio workforce to help prevent, detect, and respond to new infectious disease threats, especially at the community level. GHS activities will begin in Kenya and Ethiopia with the current CGPP Secretariats and partners.

The overall objective of the CGPP GHS program is to strengthen outbreak and epidemic preparedness, detection, and response capabilities in communities deemed at heightened risk of infectious disease threats through a multi-sectoral approach that focuses on the training and support of community health workers, whole-of-society planning, outbreak response simulations (CBS), community-based surveillance, and social mobilization.

General responsibilities will include, but not be limited to the following:

TECHINICAL GUIDANCE

- Providing technical guidance at the country level for the development of:
 - Templates for community-based surveillance (CBS), including passive, active, events-based modules (can use/adapt IFRC's CBS materials)
 - Outbreak simulation exercise toolkit for community-based organizations
 - A training module on epidemic preparedness and response for CHVs (i.e. IFRC's Epidemic Control for Volunteers)
 - Develop GHS job aide templates and risk communication materials that can be adapted for outbreaks
 - An evaluation checklist to review outbreak response
- Conducting GHSA trainings and workshops for CGPP staff, local NGOs, and other community-based stakeholders (e.g. epidemic control, community engagement, social mobilization, community-based surveillance and reporting)
- Conduct annual outbreak simulations
- Provide support and analysis, as needed, for after-action reviews of outbreaks to capture lessons learned.
- Providing technical guidance for the design and implementation of GHSA program activities with the goal of ensuring that program design and implementation will achieve planned results and goals.
- In collaboration with the CGPP Secretariat Directors, support the MOH capabilities to make more rapid, visible progress in improving technical capacity and strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation pertaining to the nexus between human and animal health, of relevance to the GHSA/One Health Platform
- In collaboration with the CGPP Secretariat Directors, advising and collaborating with relevant local government officials on implementation and policy issues. Contributing expertise and guidance to the MOH and county health teams to strengthen systems necessary for implementing activities.
- In collaboration with the CGPP Secretariat Directors, support the MOA's efforts to roll out a national strategy for animal health surveillance, to build local capacity for animal health surveillance (e.g. priority zoonotic diseases surveillance) and integrating it into the IDSR as part of the One Health Platform and Global Health Security Agenda.
- Participating in, coordinating, and organizing evaluations and assessments that are conducted in conjunction with Kenya/Ethiopia, other donors, international organizations and local partners.
- Participating in technical working groups (TWG) pertaining to GHSA, such as on Antimicrobial Resistance, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), the One Health Platform and the laboratory network for infectious disease detection and surveillance.
- Compiling, analyzing, and disseminating, on a regular basis, reports to the CGPP Director, USAID/Washington on GHSA, One Health and infectious disease issues and accomplishments as needed.
- Serving as a technical advisor and supporting project oversight, monitoring and evaluation.

COLLABORATION AND PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS

- In collaboration with the CGPP Secretariat Directors, actively engaging with government, other donors and organizations involved in the sector within Kenya/Ethiopia, in order to promote collaborative planning toward long-term sustainable solutions.

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- Establishing and maintaining productive collaborative relationships with a wide range of partners and stakeholders, USAID, the MOH, MOA, county governments, multi-lateral partners such as WHO, FAO and UNICEF, IFRC, and donors such as the World Bank, and civil society groups and NGOs
- Participating in and contributing to GHSA technical and coordination meetings at the global or local levels
- Other duties as requested

REQUIREMENTS

The Senior Advisor must have:

- Minimum of a Master's degree or higher in public health, or other allied field related to public health and/or animal health is required.
- A strong background in disease surveillance.
- Minimum ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience working with US Government-funded programs, with at least five years of experience in an international setting, supporting health, infectious diseases or development programs is required.
- Demonstrated technical experience/expertise related to infectious diseases is required. Experience in curriculum development and resources for developing countries is necessary.
- Prior experience working on zoonotic diseases is highly desirable.
- Technical knowledge and understanding of the Global Health Security Agenda and US policy related to GHSA is required.
- Knowledge of USG initiatives related to development assistance, USAID programming policies, regulations, procedures, and documentation requirements for strategy and project design, implementation, management, and evaluation is a strong asset.
- Experience with monitoring and evaluation methodologies including frameworks, data quality assurance, analysis reporting and best practices in data dissemination in international/resource poor settings
- Previous experience conducting and evaluating outbreak simulations is necessary
- Knowledge of the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) process is necessary.
- Prior extensive experience with USAID and/or one of its implementing partners in least developed country settings would be highly desirable.
- Demonstrated flexibility and openness in responding to changing work priorities and environment is a must.
- Demonstrated strong teamwork, cultural competency, diplomacy and interpersonal skills are essential.
- Demonstrated strong written and oral communications skills in English and ability to communicate complex technical information to a variety of audiences and stakeholders including senior-level managers, country-level health officials, UN, senior level USG delegations, inter-agency partners and host government counterparts is required.
- Willingness to travel to field sites approximately 50% of the time.
- US citizenship or US permanent resident is required.

Only candidates who are eligible to work in the United States will be considered. Relocation package is not available.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email your resume and cover letter to jobs@coregroup.org. Use “*GHSA Sr. Advisor_Last Name*” as the subject line – no phone calls please. Only potential interviewees will be contacted.