



OPEN POSITION: Consultant - Senior Advisor, Immunization

REPORTS TO: Executive Director

LOCATION: 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 consultant, Senior Advisor, Immunization is to support CORE Group's current and expanding global portfolio of immunization projects, COVID-19 response, and community health initiatives. This position will support the USAID-funded MOMENTUM 3B award: "Entrenched Obstacles in Routine Immunization" with short-term technical assistance to multiple countries over a period of 2-3 years. It will focus on reaching zero-dose children, with a focus on addressing the challenges posed by the disruption of immunization services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, work with country governments and other key stakeholders to address the challenges of delivering immunization programs within the context of COVID-19, adapting service strategies, advise on a health systems approach in relation to COVID-19 challenges, as well as addressing unvaccinated children and a significant increase in outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases, including measles, polio, diphtheria, and yellow fever. The consultant will assist with the planning, delivery, demand, and uptake of immunization services and inform policies and programs that expand access to immunization programs, using short-term and long term strategies.

The engagement of communities and civil society in immunization implementation is particularly important for vaccine demand and vaccine confidence. Local NGOs and CSOs a critical partner for Primary Health Care (PHC) , immunization and epidemic and pandemic preparedness.

The Senior Advisor will also play a role in providing technical assistance to in-country partners on Immunization, community engagement, communications, surveillance, and emergency response and preparedness in the context of COVID-19. She/he will work closely with global partners, UN, USAID, CDC, and other stakeholders, as well as CSOs at the country level.

It is anticipated this will be a 50-75% time level of effort position, as a consultant.

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

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

- Providing technical guidance at the country level for the implementation of immunization campaigns, non-pharmaceutical interventions at the community level, communications and guidance plans, especially given COVID-19 and its impact on routine immunization.
- Conducting immunization trainings and workshops for local NGOs, and other community-based stakeholders (e.g. polio interventions, reaching zero dose communities, community engagement, social mobilization, community-based surveillance and reporting)
- Providing technical guidance for the design and implementation of immunization program activities with the goal of ensuring that program design and implementation will achieve planned results and goals, especially given the obstacles with missed campaigns given COVID-19.
- Advise and collaborate with relevant local government officials on implementation and policy issues. Contributing expertise and guidance to county health teams to strengthen health systems necessary for implementing activities. Integrate gender principles into planning, as well as indicators.
- Participating in, coordinating, and organizing evaluations and assessments that are conducted in conjunction with in-country partners, donors, international organizations and local partners.
- Participating in technical working groups (TWG) pertaining to Immunization, as needed
- Serving as a technical advisor and supporting project concepts, country-buy-ins, community engagement, and more.

COLLABORATION AND PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS

- In collaboration with the Project Directors, actively engaging with government, donors and local civil society organizations involved in the Immunization sector, in order to promote collaborative planning toward long-term sustainable solutions.
- 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, OIE, Africa CDC, and UNICEF, IFRC, and donors such as the World Bank, and civil society groups and NGOs
- Participating in and contributing to Immunization technical and coordination meetings at the global or local levels
- Work with USAID and other partners on project goals, objectives, and timelines. Contribute to technical reports and technical briefs, as well as program reports.
- 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, Immunization, and/or social mobilization., Nursing and Medical background also relevant.
- A strong background in disease surveillance and Immunization. Excellent knowledge of GAVI 5.0, IA2030 and other global immunization strategies, as well as Regional Immunization

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strategies.

- Minimum seven (7) 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 , immunization, or development programs is required. Knowledge of emergency response and programming required.
- Demonstrated technical experience/expertise related to infectious diseases is required. Experience in curriculum development and resources for developing countries is necessary. Experience in conducting training with local organizations, with a participatory approach.
- Prior experience working on zoonotic diseases is highly desirable.
- 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
- 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 in-country programs when STTA is needed and also be available remotely for training and technical advice.
- Gender and health systems strengthening expertise strongly encouraged

HOW TO APPLY

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