

Senior Policy Advisor, Fragile and Conflict Affected Contexts

Location: [North America] [United States]

Town/City: New York

Category: Advocacy

***Position location to be determined by home country of successful candidate within Eastern North America or Europe where WVI is registered to operate.**

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Recognizing that children living in extreme poverty are increasingly located in fragile and conflict affected contexts, World Vision is expanding its work addressing the causes of fragility and its affects on children. In support of this expansion, the Senior Policy Advisor, Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts will lead and facilitate the development of public policy positions to support child rights focused advocacy at national, regional and global levels. The Senior Policy Advisor will work closely with colleagues in Disaster Management, Peacebuilding and other teams to represent and/or support the representation of World Vision with key external stakeholders, especially those focused on the development component of the development/humanitarian/peace nexus. This could include UN agencies, the World Bank, OECD, specific donor and other external stakeholders. The Senior Advisor will engage and advocate toward priority stakeholders, including through participation in forums, networks and other global level discussions that promote the achievement of child rights in fragile and conflict affected contexts. This will include advocacy regarding Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and other goals and targets that relate to the nexus of development, humanitarian and peace. This will also include involvement in forums where the participation of children and youth is supported and where a faith-based perspective is valued.

The work of the Senior Advisor will be linked to the Fragile Context Expansion Project (Strategic Initiative 1.1) including the program and advocacy approaches that have been developed for that expansion. While the position is focused at the global level, the Senior Advisor will work closely with country based and regional colleagues to support and link advocacy from local to global levels. He/she will also work closely with the It Takes a World campaign team, as well as with the Disaster Management (DM) and Peacebuilding Teams of the Global Centre, as well as with National Offices and Support Offices. This position could include short term postings in fragile and conflict affected contexts to support the development of relevant policy positions and advocacy strategies.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop policy positions and products in support of the advocacy objectives of the Fragile Context Expansion Initiative, particularly in relation to the “development” component of the development/humanitarian/peace nexus.
- Represent and/or support representation of senior World Vision leaders at priority forums, events, networks and other processes where the humanitarian/ development/peace nexus and/or relevant SDGs are being debated.
- Support country level policy capacity in fragile contexts in support of Fragile Context Expansion and It Takes a World objectives.
- Support and or provide leadership to internal networks and processes in support of Fragile Context Expansion objectives.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

Required:

- Masters degree in International Affairs, Public Policy, International Development, Conflict, Peacebuilding and Security Studies or related field.
- At least five years' experience working in child focused public policy in development, fragility, peacebuilding or humanitarian action.
- Experience of international development, humanitarian action, and/or peacebuilding including practical experience working in a fragile or conflict-affected context.

Preferred:

- Knowledge of policy development in fragile contexts, especially in relation to development aspects of the nexus.
- Understanding of global policy agendas and Official Development Assistance relating to fragile and conflict-affected contexts.
- Good connections with and understanding of key external stakeholders.
- Strong written and verbal communications skills for policy audiences.

Work Environment:

- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 25% of the time.

