

# Senior Advisor, Humanitarian Nutrition - GRRT

Location: [Europe & the Middle East] [Dubai]

Town/City: Dubai

Category: Health

Job Type: Fixed term, Full-time

**\*Preferred Location: Dubai. Position location to be determined by home country of successful candidate within a jurisdiction (country or US State) where WVI is registered to operate.**

## **PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

Lead WV Disaster Management thinking and work in promoting and understanding of humanitarian nutrition issues, principles, policy and practice – including integrated nutrition programming, micronutrient supplementation, IYCF, treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition, adolescent and vulnerable group nutritional needs and linkage to other sectors including food security, child protection, health, WASH and MHPSS.

Will be available to deployment for up to 3 month periods to provide technical support on the ground and remotely to start up new and strengthen ongoing humanitarian responses in rapid and protracted crisis.

Strengthen humanitarian nutrition capacity in WV and partner organizations through training, development and dissemination of resources, and mentoring of field-based staff.

Act as focal point in WVI on humanitarian nutrition issues for GC DM and the Partnership health and nutrition team, nutrition specific donors, UN Agencies including WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP and supporting with the coordination bodies for nutrition, academic and research institutions, and nutrition organizations etc. to position WVI as a credible actor and partner.

Provide field-based emergency nutrition technical project management, advice and capacity through deployment during humanitarian and protracted crisis in addition to reviewing proposals that include humanitarian nutrition in close collaboration with Regional and National GAM units.

Contribute to improving global humanitarian nutrition policy, practice and resources through quality analysis, dialogue and documentation and dissemination of field-based research /practice.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### ***Humanitarian Response and Technical Support***

***Provide sector leadership and management of timely and appropriate humanitarian nutrition and related activities. This will include the following:***

- Oversee the inclusion of nutrition questions in assessments to identify a robust nutrition response, as a standalone program and/or integrated into child protection in humanitarian action, health, WASH or livelihoods & food security programs.
- Lead the design and implementation of nutrition programs and ensure monitoring of frameworks are understood and effective in meeting nutrition needs of affected populations.
- Strategically engage with donors and other partners in a humanitarian response to ensure that WV is positioned as a viable partner for nutrition programs.
- Manage nutrition programs including associated project staff and promote technical excellence in the application of minimum standards including core humanitarian standards, Sphere, IASC guidelines and ensure cross cutting themes are incorporated into design.
- Ensure that nutrition is integrated in all programming in humanitarian responses by working with Program Officers and other Sector leads.
- Lead discussions on ERF and HRP process to strengthen financial portfolio supporting nutrition in early stages of emergency.
- Manage and guide the budgeting processes for nutrition during the design and program implementation in close coordination with finance.
- Develop key messaging in responses for media and operational teams as related to nutrition.
- Lead in recruitment process for nutrition qualified local and expatriate staff to implement nutrition or integrated programmes.
- As a member of the response operations team, participate in all operations meetings and update the response leadership on issues and key actions related to nutrition.
- Represent WV at key coordination forums in the field such as within the technical nutrition clusters or working groups and/or national, local government and civil society planning meetings; Ensure that WV's work and plans are well articulated and included in all reports including 4Ws.
- Document and share lessons learned, best practice and experiences from deployment back to partnership and externally when relevant to influence policy and future programming.

### ***Capacity Building and Talent Pool Management:***

- Ensure humanitarian nutrition competencies are identified and transferred across the organisation and develop capacity building options to ensure skill transfer, capacity building and the implementation of evidence-based nutrition interventions/programs.
- Develop capacity building curriculum on IYCF, humanitarian nutrition and food security, and integration of cash and other modalities. Facilitate training opportunities for relevant staff and/or interagency partners with a special focus on RDMTs.
- Lead the adaption of core nutrition and nutrition components of Livelihoods project model for fragile contexts.
- Working with partnership sector teams to find linkages within the core project models to include appropriate humanitarian nutrition interventions and skills.
- Develop guidance notes and training materials as appropriate for NO, RO and GC.

### ***Strategy Development and Evidence Base:***

- Lead the processes of conducting technical analysis, development and implementation of research for best practice humanitarian nutrition interventions and applications to humanitarian projects.
- Through collaborating with technical specialists to identify successful evidence-based humanitarian nutrition programs for adaption in context appropriate programs in partnership with global, regional and local health agencies.
- Lead high-quality reviews, analyses and reports and/or secondary research on the application of nutrition initiatives and practices in programming.
- Develop systems and reporting mechanisms for surveillance, field investigations, real time evaluation and post project evaluations to test the effectiveness and impact of nutrition initiatives and practices.

### ***Networking and Partnerships:***

- Represent the organization effectively in key forums (Global and regional working groups, UN and academic forum and other nutrition related organizations) and build and maintain these networks.
- Oversee humanitarian nutrition inputs shared through the WV partnership DM, Health & Nutrition, and Livelihoods & Food Security CoPs and the appropriate nutrition-based IG. Encourage active participation in CoE meetings and represent DM nutrition issues.
- Participation in Global Forums to disseminate this information e.g. international and regional conferences, CoP meetings.

- Being WVI representative on global humanitarian nutrition working groups and clusters.
- Development of partnerships with organizations and agencies to fund and implement nutrition or integrated programs.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

### ***Required:***

- Post graduate qualification in relevant discipline (e.g. Nutrition, Public Health, Medicine, Nursing) with demonstrated skills to implement humanitarian nutrition interventions including CMAM, IYCF, micronutrient supplementation, nurturing care groups, infant stimulation.
- Demonstrated knowledge of humanitarian nutrition principles and practice in low-resource settings.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the UN humanitarian reform and cluster system, institution of the UN system and policies and guidelines related to humanitarian affairs.
- Demonstrated knowledge of current humanitarian discourse and research in the area of humanitarian nutrition, including sound knowledge and understanding of how to use and implement the IASC Nutrition cluster and Core Group humanitarian nutrition and IYCF guidelines.
- Strong understanding of context and conflict issues in complex humanitarian emergencies.
- Demonstrated experience in developing and facilitating training across different cultures and language contexts.
- Demonstrated ability to lead rigorous research design, implementation, data analysis and reporting, including knowledge of quantitative (statistical) and qualitative research methodologies/analyses.
- 10 years' experience in humanitarian nutrition leadership, and involvement in assessment, design, monitoring, evaluation, and project management.
- Proven track record in humanitarian nutrition operations.
- Demonstrated knowledge of working with diversity and ensuring inclusion is part of program work and research.
- Track record in field based research, design, implementation, analysis and reporting.
- Demonstrated ability to participate in technical dialogues with relevant stakeholders, including government officials and global nutrition networks.
- Acceptability to be registered with national practicing body for profession (nutrition, public health, medicine, nursing etc.)

- Effective in written and verbal communication in English.
- Knowledge of French, Arabic or other UN language an advantage.

***Preferred:***

- Medical doctor or nurse practitioner.
- Understanding of nutritional issues for children, conception through to reproductive age.
- Able to undertake market assessments or have worked in cash-based programming.
- Training qualification.
- Ability to use statistical packages for research and data analysis.
- Experience in managing diverse teams.
- Ability to manage multiple grant start-ups.

***Work Environment:***

- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 50% of the time.
- Ability to work in difficult and hostile environments.
- Required to hostile environment or security training.